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Greenwich plan 'close to death'

Millennium plea rejected by Labour

By Philip Webster and Damian Whitworth

TONY BLAIR last night fused a last-dirch plea by Michael Heseltine for Labour to underwrite the Millennium Exhibition, leaving the trou-bled centrepiece of Britain's celebrations of the year 2000 on the brink of collapse.

Millennium Commission sources declared that the Greenwich project was close to death after Mr Blair refused to drop Labour's demand that it could review the project after it came to office and insisted that the costs should be met from the existing budget and not supplemented by a second stream of money from the National Lottery.

Mr Heseltine, the Deputy

Prime Minister, who has invested much political capital in the exhibition, took the unusual step of asking for and getting a meeting with the Labour leader.

But his decision to affect stempt to blame Labour for the failure of the plan. It angered Mr Blair although the 25-minute meeting

said to have been civil. Mr Heseltine had been trying to persuade Mr Blair to move because the commission feared that uncertainty over Labour's intentions would drive away investors. It was thought thatprivate backers would not put in the money with a three-month threat hanging over their heads.

Comingham, the Shadow National Heritage Secretary, said last night that it had been clear the second stream of lottery money, far from being contingency ex-penditure, was already included in the budget. He denied that he had prevaricated and added: "We just cannot see



"It's not easy to get these things sorted out at such short notice"

that it is unreasonable to say that a new government should have the right to review this. We have never dilly-dallied. The delays have been because of their failure to come up with

Labour was in favour of an exhibition at Greenwich: "I am saying that this project ed not be lost.

Earlier Simon Jenkins, the former editor of The Times, who is chairman of the festival committee, said: "We can't have hanging over this project the possibility that in four months it will be cancelled.

The problem at the moment is that although we have a robust budget, we do need the enthusiastic support of the alternative government before we can go ahead. We are told that there may be a review in four months. We cannot re-cruit staff on that basis. We cannot get contracts."

Mr Jenkins insisted that

Labour had been kept up to date. This is something of a gamble. They have not been

asked for an open-ended commitment. The terms of the possible contingency under-pinning this budget is quite explicit and we have told them

A spokesman for the Millennium Commission said: "We have delivered a prudent bud-get and all is needed now is the support of both parties."

It was understood last night that the revised £580 million budget drawn up by Millennium Central, the exhibition organisers, at the request of Labour and the commission, does not take into account inflation and the contingency

These would eat up most if not all of the E200 million that would come from extending the life of the commission by a year. The commission receives 20 per cent of National Lottery cash annually.

There was a sense at the commission last night that Labour had all along ear-marked the national lottery money for other projects.
Patrick Kerr, public affairs

for 280 companie including BAA and British Airways who planned to commit millions to the exhibition, said: "Our reaction is one of exasperation. Business will desert if Labour's backing is

not forthcoming."

If the exhibition is scrapped substantial sums that the Millemnium Commission has already spent on the project will be lost British Airways has also invested a considerable sum in Millennium Central. The Richard Rogers Partnership which was retained to design the dome, and Imagination, the design company who have been devising the exhibition itself, have eaten up large sums.



Pop group banned over 'Ecstasy is safe' claim

FOURTEEN television and radio stations yesterday banned records by the pop group East 17 after the lead singer, Brian Harvey, said Ecstasy was a safe drug that made users "better people".

The stations were responding to an interview with Harvey, 22, whose chart-topping group is idolised by teenagers, in which he said the drug "increases love" between people. He boasted he had

once taken 12 pills in a night.
The singer, whose comments were condemned by
John Major as "wholly wrong", later apologised, admitting he had been "stupid" and "irresponsible". However, he had already provoked fury and a deluge of complaints.

Carlton Television, which

had an interview with the group scheduled for the Scratchy on Saturday morning, dropped it in protest. Harvey, who has previously

ege in Atlanta, Georgia, was the actor's

only son. He died of a single guishot

The star's Hollywood publicist, Joel

Brokaw, said that he had received

confirmation from the Los Angeles Police

Department that the dead man was

indeed Ennis Cosby. It was rumoured that Mr Cosby Snr himself first learned

of his son's death from a tabloid

newspaper reporter who telephoned to

The Mercedes was found on the verge of a road at the top of the Sepulveda Pass,

in the Santa Monica Mountains. Its

hazard lights were on Lieutenant

ask him for a comment.

at the weekend and you go out and have a good time, I don't see why not, man, because life's too short. There's too many restrictions." Paul Betts, whose daughter

Leah died aged 18 after taking Ecstasy, said: "Young people pay more attention to what someone like him is saying than to anyone trying to warn them of the dangers." Mike Hollingsworth, man-aging director of 963 Liberty in London, said: "We will not be

playing any more East 17

music unless these disgraceful

remarks are withdrawn and a

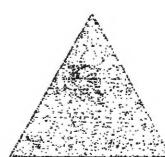
full apology is given to the families of Leah Betts and all the other young victims of drug addiction." in the Commons, Mr Major aid: "Drug taking, any drug taking, leads to hard drugs

and we have often seen, ends in tragedy."

Later, in an interview, Mr

Harvey said: "What I'd say to our fans is don't do it."

Men at work.





Viewers may need Channel 5 aerials

By ERIC REGULY AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

BRITAIN'S newest television station, Channel 5, faced a fresh crisis last night when it emerged that up to four mil-lion homes will need new television aerials to pick up a clear service when it starts broadcasting on March 31.

The bill for the new aerials, which cost from £40 to £200 each, could exceed £500 million and will have to be met by viewers. People living in parts of London and in Chellenham and Gloucester, Chelmsford, Bedford, Nottingham, Plymouth, Lincolnshire, Edinburgh, Liverpool and Aber-

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to retune video recorders so that they can receive the channel without interference: £150 million.

many will be needed will not Continued on page 2, col 1

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

IN NEW YORK

THE son of Bill Cosby, the television

comedy actor who is sometimes called

"America's favourite father figure", was

shot dead in the mountains above Los

Angeles yesterday.

Ennis Cosby, in his 20s, was found dead beside his Mercedes sports car.

Police suspect nurder and said that it

may have been a "carjacking" that went

The number plate of the descried, dark-coloured Mercedes, NNS COSBY,

alerted police to the identity of the dead

Labour lead cut by six points

The gap between Tories and Labour has begun to narrow according to today's Gallup poll for The Daily Telegraph. The poll puts Labour on 50.5 per cent, down two points since December, and the Tories on 32.5 per cent, up four. The Liberal Democrats have

More than one million policy-holders with Scottish Amicable will share in bonuses worth up to £3,000 after the mutual announced plans to float on the stock market within three

passenger side."

Chris Evans is to leave his Radio One breakfast pro-gramme after Matthew Ban-

vision, and Mr Cosby recently made a

highly successful return to the small

screen in an American version of BBC television's One Foot in the Grave.

Comedian Bill Cosby's son shot dead in carjacking graduated from a teacher training coll- Anthony Alba of the Los Angeles police said: "The victim was apparently having cartrouble and stopped to change a tyre. He was killed as the result of a single gunshot wound. The car was found with the boot open and the door open on the Bill Cosby. 54, known for his genial manner and perfect timing, has long been a popular figure of paternal benevolence in America. The Cosbv Show was a long-running prime-time hit on American and international tele-

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MACAZINE Government slips into a minority after MP dies

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

THE Government yesterday moved into minority after the sudden death of lain Mills, So, MP for Meriden. West Midlands, where he had a major-ity of 14,600. The body of Mr Mills was found at his London flat by a colleague after he had not been seen for two days.

The Government's position

is likely to worsen after the Wirral South by-election, due to be held at the end of February or March.

Senior ministers said last night that Mr Mills's death was unlikely to have any impact on John Major's deci-sion on whether to hold a general election in March 20, April 10 or May I. But at Westminster last night the news added to the sense of a parliament moving towards its end.

A week ago John Major and Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative chairman, announced that they were following parliamentary con-vention and calling the Wirral South by-election. The Tories will be two down if Wirral is lost and vulnerable if Labour tables a confidence vote. The key to success for Lab-

our would be to find an issue on which the Ulster Unionists would side with the Opposition. So far this week the Government has comfortably survived all votes but it remains vulnerable to an ambush at any time.

Derek Conway, a senior Government Whip, found Mr Mills's body at lunchtime. He had become concerned after the MP had failed to show up at the Commons since Monday night and went to
Dolphin Square on the
Thames Embankment where
they both lived. Mr Conway
looked through the window of Mr Mills's ground-floor flat

and saw him lying face down on the bed. He called a doctor and they broke down the door. The MP was certified dead at the scene. A post mortem examination will be held inday but early indications are that Mr Mills had suffered a heart

Mr Mills was in the headlines in April when he was arrested for drunkenness and released with a warning after spending four-and-a-half hours in a police cell. He had been found lying in Great Smith Street, near the Houses



of Parliament and Tory Cen-

Mrs Gaynor Mills, who lived in the couple's house in Warwickshire, was told of his death by Tory officials.

Mr Major said last night: He was a concientious MP and colleague. His sudden death has shocked us all."

Glasgow-born Mr Mills was educated in Zimbabwe, and studied chemical engineering at the University of Cape Town. His interests included the car industry, road safety, and animal welfare.

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ystwyth are most likely to require the new aerials. Charmel 5 is under no obligation to foot the bill. It is tropped by one point from 11.5 to 10.5. required under its licence only

that will cost the company The station agreed that some viewers will require new aerials, or aerial power boosters, but said estimates of how.

for policy-holders

£3,000 bonuses

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By KATHRYN KNIGHT admitted enjoying cannabis. Ecstasy and cocaine, was being interviewed on the London radio station LBC yesterday to help promote a new single, Hey Child. He said he "didn't see the prob-

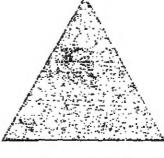
ain't doing you no harro." He also admitted driving while on Ecstasy. "It just brings something out in you, that's why people do it. They like it. He urged those who enjoyed using Ecstasy to continue. "I'm not saying you should take drugs to be liked. but if it makes you feel better

lem" with Ecstasy. "In the long run, it's a safe pill and it

and gives you something to do Evans to quit

nister, the station's controller, refused to let him work a four-





(See above).



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Wind section leads way in concerto of cant

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

the most telling. Exasperated by the gutter-quality of the questions Labour MPs were asking at Treasury Questions yesterday, Phillip Oppenheim, the Exchequer Secretary. exploded.

So catty!" he shouted, "so

At this point we could see Mr Oppenheim racking his brains for something so abys-mal as to be comparable with Opposition tactics. This did not take him long.

... so silly that the demon eyes' [Tory campaign] looked positively cerebral, and spiritual by comparison."

What a pass things have come to when, to demonstrate

that these plumb even greater depths than their own!

Oppenheim's boss, Kenneth Clarke, was in the doghouse again. In his habitual, jolly way, he had apparently used the phrase you can't win them all" in response to the loss of thousands of jobs at Ford's plant at Halewood. One begins to understand Mr Clarke's fellow-feeling with his continental counterparts, who do not seem obliged to pick their way with such delicacy through the minefield of media sensitivities. A

French Minister of Posts and

Telecommunications, I re-

member, reacted to a post-

men's strike in the 1970s with

the quip: "Only a moron

would be a postman in the first place." One of his colleagues, asked how he explained the overwhelming opposition local residents were putting up to the erection of a nuclear power station, replied: "If you want to drain the marsh, don't consult the frogs." There is a place for our Chancellor in European

As Opposition MPs summoned up what synthetic indignation they could over the Halewood "gaffe". Clarke sat on the Front Bench yesterday.

cheeks puffed out and grinning a little self-consciously. like a naughty schoolboy secretly proud of his misdemeanour, and intent on brazening it out.

He maintained the same

mien ten minutes later, sitting beside John Major at Prime Minister's Questions. This was Mr Major's first of the year. How many left to go? We could even be into single figures, and the same could be true of Tony Blair as Opposition Leader. The kick-off to 1997 yesterday was pretty dis-

mal for both of them. Grimfaced Barry Legg (C, Milton Keynes SW) asked Major to join him in condemning the man who had said that taking Ecstasy cheered him up. Anything that cheered Mr Legg up would be worth a try. Labour began an orches-

trated campaign from the backbenches, huffing and puffing over their scare (which they patently do not believe) about alleged Tory plans to impose VAT on food.

In this concerto of cant, their Leader plays the solo instrument — a plaintive oboe — while the backbenchers join in with wind, strings and percussion. The Tories' contribution is to squeak and gasp with indignation, their own soloist,

Major, stamping his feet and crying foul.

Yesterday Blair seemed to have hit on a fooiproof formula: ask Major if in 1992 he did or did not (yes or no!) deny he would raise VAT; watch him squirm; accuse him of planning to tax food (starve pensioners, massacre babies, strangle kittens) then, when he denies any such plan, remind everyone that this is what he said about VAT, too.

Cheap? Indeed, Unfair? Undoubtedly. But it's a game both sides can play, and both sides will. From one unidentified backbench voice yesterday came the shout "Bloody fools!" The voice was quickly. silenced by the Chair. But it. spoke for many of us.

Clegg case referred to Court of Appeal

The paratrooper Lee Clegg is to have his conviction for the nurder of a teenage joyrider in Belfast referred to the Northern Ireland Court of Appeal. Sir Patrick Mayhea. the Northern Ireland Secretary, announced that he would refer the case "in the light of new forensic evidence" compiled since Lance Corporal Clegg's convic-tion in 1993 for the killing of Karen Reilly in west Belfasi in 1900. His supporters say that the evidence, based on a series of ballistic and forcusic tests, shows that the shots fired by the paratrooper were legal and identifies a different soldier as firing the bullet which killed Miss Reilly, who was 18.

E-coli claims 17th victim

The B-coli epidemic claimed its seventeenth victim yesterday with the death of an elderly woman at a nursing home near Falkirk. Forth Valley Health Board said that the pensioner had been treated at Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary but had spent the last few weeks at the musing home in Banknock. Three other peasioners at the home have died since the outbreak started last November. Two residents are still said to be poorly.

Fowl shooting ban lifted

A ban on the shooting of wildfowl, imposed on January 10 because of the cold weather, will be lifted from 9am somorrow after several days of milder conditions and an improvement in the birds' condition. The decision by the Department of the Environment allows the shooting of duck, geese and waders until the season ends on January 31. Shooters are still being urged to observe a voluntary

Pact on benefit cheats

Britain and Canada have signed an international Britan and Canada have signed an international agreement to swap intelligence about social security cheats. Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, announced his intention to take his light against benefit fraud worldwide after expatriates were found to be abusing the system. British taxpayers pay £1 billion of benefits to \$00,000 people abroad each year, including £125 million to those who have emigrated to Canada.

Benefits fraudster jailed

masterminded a £233,000 benefits fraud was jailed for five years. Edwin Adu, 38, of Edgware, north London, keyed scores of false claims into his computer using the names and National Insurance numbers of West Africans who had left Britain, Harrow Crown Court was told. A team of "encashers" then claimed the money.

Cult children released

Claire Scott was flying home last night after freeing her twine Scot was hying some less high and; freeing ter-twine one and daughter from the International Saturday Group cult run by their grandmother, Nadine, near Lisbon in Portugal. "I understand they will miss their friends but I want to get them out of the clutches of this organisation," said Mrs Scott. She added that the feared they might try to abscoud back to Portugal.

Plea for Catholic education

The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, has demanded that Roman Catholics send their children to Catholic schools to half the "decay" of morals in society and prevent the further marginalisation of religion. He was speaking anoid concern that wealthy Catholics are sending their children to other public schools, forcing Catholic schools to take pupils of other faiths

Hair-raising feat rewarded

A couple in their seventies received a good citizenship award for their part in the first prosecution in Britain to rely on a DNA test on bair taken at the scene of the crime. Doreen Rooke, from Plymouth, grabbed the evidence from a burglar who was jailed for 18 months. She and her husband, Donald, were commended by Chief Constable. John Evens of Devon and Cornwall police.

Housing officer cleared

A housing officer has been cleared by a disciplinary panel investigating a complaint that he had warned residents on an estate that a convicted partiophile had moved in nearby. Michael Wood had been suspended on full pay by Birmingham City Council since November. He was accused of breaching confidentiality rules over George Taylor, who had been jailed for an attack on a girl.

Town clerk suspended

The town council clerk who was at the centre of a row when it emerged he was being paid a salary of \$71,000 has been suspended pending a second investigation within a year. The new probe has been launched into an alleged overpayment of £4,000 to Michael Wheaton, 52, clerk to Goode Town Council in East Yorks, after a report by the

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Musical pleasure in store

A CD that features five minutes of lift noises goes on sale next Monday. Great Lift Journeys of Norwick by Dominic Russell-Price and Peter Roberts gives a leading role to the lift in the Debenhams store in their home city, with shoppers' chat and doors opening. When you look into it, you find out that people are gentuinely interested in lifts." Mr Russell-Price said lifts," Mr Russell-Price said.

Labour in **U-turn** on bugging proposals

LABOUR withdrew its sup-port from key parts of the Police Bill yesterday, leaving Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, fighting to head off a defeat in the Lords over proposals to increase police bugging powers.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, and Labour's home affairs team bowed to mounting criticism from judges, the legal profession, and the press over the "instrusive surveillance" powers and came out in support of iudicial curbs on the use of

bugging. Within hours of Labour ending its its alliance with the Government, Government tabled concessions to the Bill. But critics last night said the Government had failed to go

Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, is expected to attend Monday's debate and may, along with Conservative peers such as Lord Alexander of Weedon Labour amendments.

Last night the Government conceded that when chief constables authorise police to

Review of sex crimes

TOUGHER penalties for some sex offences involving children are to be considered in a review of maximum sentences. The review by officials from the Home Office, government legal departments, the Scottish and Northern Ireland Offices will concentrate on anomalies which recent cases have highlighted. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said it would ensure penalties reflected the gravity of different offences.

enter premises and listening devices, the Commissioner, the senior judge who will monitor the use of the powers, must be notified as soon as practicable. However the crucial authority to make the decision will remain with the police, although it is

subject to scrutiny.
Secondly, sensitive cases such as those involving lawyers, journalists and doctors who hold confidential information, will have to be scrutinised by the Commis-sioner within 48 hours.

The surveillance however may have taken place by then, or be under way. The Com-missioner will have specific power to quash the authorisations, even if they

are going on. Thirdly, the authorisations by the chief constables can now only run for three months, not six, or 72 hours in the case of emergencies.

Mr Howard said the Government would fight Opposisecond guesss" chief constables by giving the decision on the use of surveillance to the

He said: "I believe these are all important improvements. They show the Gopvernment is determined to strike the right balance between the operational effectiveness of these crucial techniques and ensuring that a careful watch

is kept on their use." But last night the Law Society, the Bar, Liberty and others who have all campaigned strongly against the Bill were lining up in support of Labour's more far-reaching

Labour proposes that the prior approval of the judge acting as a Commissioner should be needed before premises are entered to place listening devices.



Jenny the ship's cat had to be restrained by the crew to protect the enemy

City fox surrenders after brush with battleship's cat

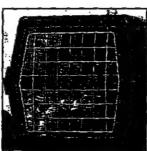
BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

BRITAIN's only surviving Second World War cruiser, HMS Belfast, added to her terday when Jenny, the blackand white ship's cat, saw off a sneak attack by an urban fox.

The crew were going about their duties on the warship, moored on the South Bank opposite the Tower of Landon, when they spotted the intruder on the quarter deck at 0930 hours and the order went out to repel

boarders. Jon Wenzel, HMS Belfast's director, said: "The fox had strolled across the gangway unnoticed. Jenny was sun-ning herself at the time but went straight into action. She chased the fox into the wardroom and, in the best traditions of the Navy, engaged the

memy more closely. "It was not much of a contest. The fox, although larger, was terrified and took shelter under an electricity



The fox, safe behind bars

generator. If members of the crew had not been there to pull Jenny off she would undoubtedly have inflicted heavy damage."

The crew managed to confine the spitting and hissing cat in another room and kept the fox, a three-year-old male. penned in until the arrival of John Williams, an RSPCA

If not quite holed below the waterline, the fox had sustained a nasty bite on its back. It was taken to the RSPCA's animal hospital in Putney, in

south-west London, where the wound was cleaned and anti-

"We will release the fox somewhere in the Southwark vital the fox is returned to its own territory otherwise it would be attacked by other

"People think that foxes ose a threat to domestic cats, but a cat will always see a fox off. In the open a fox will always take care to stay well out of reach."

There will be no extrarations for Jenny, who is a touch on the portly side, but lans are afoot to present her with a mock General Service Medal for conduct well beyond the call of normal mousing and ratting duties.

HMS Belfast, owned by the Imperial War Museum since 1973, opened the bombard-ment of the Normandy coast on D-Day in 1944 and also helped sink the German warship Scharnhorst in the Battle of the North Cape.

Princess plans new action on mines ban

FROM INIGO GILMOUR IN LUANDA

DIANA, Princess of Wales, last night vowed to continue her support for a world ban on landmines and accused politi-cians who had criticised her of being "unhelpful"

In a parting shot at minis-ters who had complained about her call for a ban on antipersonnel mines, the Princess said: "I'm not a political figure. The fact is I'm a humanitarian figure, always have been, always will be."

In a statement shortly before she left Angola, the Princess said that her "first-band experience" of the suffering caused by landmines "has convinced me that I must play a part in the worldwide cam-

paign to ban them.

I hope that my visit will encourage others to join the campaign and ease the plight of the victims of landmines here in Angola and all over the world," she added.

Earlier, at Red Cross headquarters in the capital, Luanada, the Princess was dismissive of the controversy her visit to the war-rayaged country has generated. She said that the political furore

was "merely a distraction". "It is not helpful, things like that," she said. "But it does. entwined with a political issue. I understand that."

The Princess was in Angola this week to lend her support to the Red Cross campaign for a worldwide ban on landmines, despite severing her official connections with the charity six months ago.

The Princess said that she hoped to visit Bosnia, Cambodia and Afghanistan as a Red Cross volunteer. There are so many countries that need help in some way and millions of landmines sitting dormant. Someone has got to do

"I see this as a long term commitment," she said, although the Princess emphasised that this did not mean she would re-establish links with other charities.

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Channel 5 viewers face £500m bill for new television aerials

Continued from page i be available until the channel starts broadcasting. The Independent Television Commission estimates that as many as three million of the 15 million homes within the Channel 5 broadcast area may be affected. But the Confederation of Aerial Industries, which represents 420 of the nation's 2,000 aerial installers, said

that the figure could be as high as four million. Aerial installers expect a sales

bonanza. Chris Garvin, an engineer at Aerial Services in London, said: This will create much more work for us, but I think a lot of people won't bother with new aerials because of

NTL, the American-owned com-

pany that installed Channel 5's national transmission network, said that many viewers will need new aerials because, in almost all cases, the channel uses lower power signals than the BBC, independent televison or Channel 4. Bruce Randall, a spokesman for NTL, said that if they had used the same or greater power. they would have interfered with the

reception quality of all five terrestial channels.

City analysts said that the aerial problem could damage Channel 5's audience ratings if many of the households with poor reception chose not to upgrade their aerials. With fewer viewers, Channel 5 would have

to drop its advertising rates. Channel 5 said that, although it had never hidden the fact that many aerials would need to be replaced, it had not publicised it widely either. A spokesman for the station said: "We do not want people to rush out and buy new aerials until Channel S starts broadcasting because not everyone will need them."

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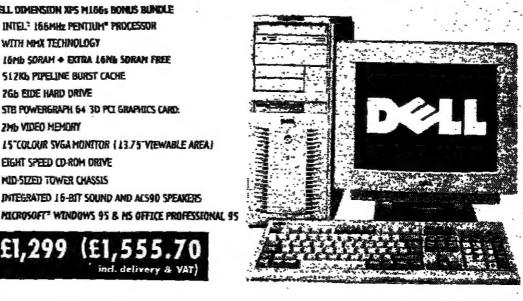
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though the boys — who were 15 and 14 when their mother was killed - tried to make the murder of the "strict and uncaring" religious education teacher look like a bungled burglary, they were caught out by forensic tests and covert tapes of conversations with their father after they were The court was told that the

geoned their mother to death

after enduring years of emo-

Glenn Howells; 17, and his

brother John, 15, smashed

their mother Eve's skull at

least ten times with a hammer

after their father, David, promised them jet skis and a holiday, Leeds Crown Court

But Franz Muller, QC, for

the prosecution, said that al-

court was told yesterday."

body of Mrs Howells, 48, was found on a beambag in the living room of the family bungalow on August 31, 1995. That evening her husband had gone to play darts at a local pub as usual. John and Glenn were at home with their mother and after John had given her a pedicure, as he usually did on a Thursday night, she told them to take the dog for a walk. The boys told police that when they returned she told them to go out again because they had not exercised

the dog property.

Glenn told police that he had found the body in the blood-spattered living room as he returned. He said his brother, who had been riding. his bike, returned a few min-

Mr Muller said that Mr. Howells had "the perfect alibi". But this was an essential part of the plan he said, which was devised by all three. Mr Howells, 48, of Hud-

dersfield, west Yorkshire, and

his sons all deng murder. Glenn admits manslaughter on the grounds of provocation. . abuse at them. Mr. Muller said Mr. How. Depetives quickly became ells, a heavy drinker, stood to suspicious of the boys after inherit £155,000 after his wife's examining evidence from the death. The couple had mar- reunder scene. Mrs Howells's



Father told sons: 'We have to bluff it out'

Boys 'treated like dirt

smashed mother's head'

Clockwise from top left: Glenn Howells, his younger brother John, father David, and his wife Eve, whom they are accused of killing

before that she had been involved in a 12-year affair with his best friend, Russell Hirst, the boys' godfather who was named in both their wills.

But the main motive, Mr Muller said, came from the way Mrs Howells treated her family. The teacher, who "frightened to death" pupils at her school, had an eating disorder and was only six stone when she died. She kept a padlock on the freezer and was preoccupied with her family's eating habits, ran all the family finances, dominated her husband and children

had found out a few months been at ease with the person who attacked her, and had made no attempt to defend herself. Blood was found on Glenn's socks, but the only place on the carpet where it had been trodden on was the position where the killer

would have stood. The next day when all three identified Mrs Howells's body, Glenn showed little emotion until the others cried, and soon regained his composure. A policeman noticed Glenn wink twice at his brother, and smirk.

The teenagers were arrested three weeks after the murder and taped secretly when they spoke to their father. On one and continually screamed occasion their father said: "We have just got to bluff it out. If you two break, I'm in as well, so we've got to stick together." ried in 1972, but Mr Howells position indicated that she had Later Gienn said: "You said:

we were going to have a good life," and his father replies: Yes, we are I promise you I will wait for you ... We will have a new life together . . . We will have plenty of money."

Mr Howells was arrested

nearly a month after his sons and while on remand he told a cell mate, Barry Johnson, that they had been "excellent all the way through". Mr Muller said: "Mr Johnson asked him how he'd planned it, and he

because he was the bigger. In November 1996 the younger son spoke to the police again and said the murder was planned by the to get rid of the evidence. He said: "She didn't treat us like her sons, she treated us like dirt. We'd all come to an agreement - my brother was to do it and I'd get rid of the clothes," The court was told that John later took police to a canal in Wakefield where the hammer was found. The boy said that all three of them had considered killing his mother when they were on holiday the previous year by pushing her off the balcony. However, the plan failed because her room

was on the first floor. Mrs Howells also closed a joint account she had with her husband, opening one in each of their names instead and putting £51,000 in her account and £100 in her husband's. Last November, while John was on remand, he made a statement in which he admitted that it had been agreed among the three of them that they would kill his mother. He aid: "We all knew it would be better for us when she was dead." John said he was

confessing in the hope of getting a reduced sentence. Gary Burrell, defending Glenn, said: "It will be Glenn Howells's defence that over a period of some five years, perhaps a little longer, his mother subjected him to severe and repeated emotional and mental abuse and cruelty until he reached the stage where he could no longer tolerate that behaviour, lost his self-control, and took her



Lady Apsley with Oliver Lomansey and Ryan. Mr Lomansey, who was sleeping rough, is now working

Lady gives the tramp a helping hand to find a home and a job

By ROBIN YOUNG

WHENEVER she went shopping Lady Apsley, a former beauty queen, noticed a forlorn beggar, wrapped in blankets against the cold, with his dog.

Now this story of a lady and a tramp has reached a happy conclusion in Cirencester, Gloucestershire. She has found them temporary accommodation

At first, Lady Apsley, the second wife of Lord Apsley, gave the beggar £1, but as he showed no sign of moving on, she decided she must do more. She went to a delicatessen and bought a beef sandwich for him and a turkey sand-

wich for his dog.
They talked. "He seemed such a nice and intelligent person," she said yester-day. She took him to the office of a local charity for the homeless, enabling Oliver Lomansey. 25, and his alsatian Ryan, 9, to get a roof over their heads after 14 weeks on the road, and find him

a job as an engineer's chainman on the Cirencester bypass project. Lady Apsley. 31, formerly Sara Chap-man, a member of a bookshop-owning

family in Lyme Regis, Dorset, whose family motto is "Keep Thy Faith", said: Someone begging on the street is an unusual sight in Cirencester and it compelled me to help. When I first saw him I thought it was pretty pathetic that omeone was so badly off and there was

I off to Tesco. "He seemed such a nice chap, young and intelligent, well-mannered, and grateful for the help. He did not treat me as if I was being patronising at all.
"I thought back to last year when I married Lord Apsley and moved to

Cirencester. People were so kind and welcoming to me and I do not see why everyone is not treated the same way. She said that she was still helping Mr · Lomansey look for permanent accommodation, which was proving difficult because of his dog. Lady Apsley lives

the £30 million, 3,500-acre Cirencester Park forestry estate, which Lord Apsley will one day inherit from his father, Earl Bathurst. The estate includes the Cirencester Park polo ground where the Prince of Wales, a close friend of Lord Apsley and Lord Bathurst, often plays. Mr Lomansey was hard at work on

with her husband in a mansion house in

the bypass yesterday. "I was very surprised that she even took the time to talk to me, let alone help. I thought she was a real lady, and it turned out she really was." he said. He had been living rough since he split with his girlfriend and moving to Circucester to live with friends. His mother lives in Australia and he is estranged from his father.

Jane Hall, of the Cirencester Homeless Young Persons Project, said: "A lot of people would look down their noses and think: 'On your bike sunbeam.' I think it is marvellous that someone like Lady Apsley has stopped and shown that she cares."

Somali boy, 14 jailed for rape of lost tourist

A SOMALI refugee yesterday became one of the youngest rapists to be jailed after being convicted of attacking a tourist when he was 12. Abdi Yusei, now 14. assaulted the 21-year-old woman after offering to help her when she became lost.
Instead of taking her to a Tube station he

led her to a park and raped her.
At the Old Bailey yesterday, Yusef, who is 6ft 2in and lives in Willesden, northwest London, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in a youth treatment centre. He already has a conviction for possessing a knife after another incident

involving a woman.

Judge Neil Denison, QC, Common Serjeant in the City of London, told Yusef that he would have been given a longer sentence if he had been older. His school servered although sond academically, was sentence it he had been older. His school record, although good academically, was one of disruption and intimidation of fellow pupils. He had been expelled from two schools. The judge said the boy's traumatic experiences during the Somali civil war might explain his behaviour, but

During the trial the court was told that the victim had come to London last September to enquire about language courses and been in the city for only a day. She became lost and bumped into Yusef. He offered to help her, but took her in the opposite direction to the Tube station to a park near his home. She said he put his arm around her, but she could not take him seriously because he was only a boy. He then pushed her over, told her he

had a knife and assaulted her. He was arrested at his home where his muddy dothes were drying on a radiator. He said

he had been playing football. Ann Mallalieu, QC, for Yusef, said he had

found it hard to adjust after his experi-

Clothes found in hunt for missing girl

HOPES of finding nine-year-old Zoe Evans alive were fading last night after police found two pieces of bloodstained

By Kathryn Knight

ciothing. The pieces, one from a man and one from a girl, were found during a search of open land close to her home in Warminster, Wiltshire.

Initial tests showed that the stains on each piece of clothing were from the same blood group. DNA tests were being conducted yesterday to see if the blood group matched that of the missing girl. The results will not be available for

on Wednesday police disclosed that there had been two sightings of the child with a shaven-headed young man on Saturday afternoon. She was last seen alive on Friday evening. Police had more than 150 calls from the public, some of them offering possible names for the man seen with the girl, including local men.

Warning for Carlton over royal debate

By ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CARLTON Television was accused yesterday of "losing control" of its controver-sial televised debate on the monarchy broadcast last week.

In a rare comment on the merits of an individual programme, Peter Rogers, chief executive of the Independent Television Commission, said that he thought that the debate, which was staged before a studio audience of 3,000, was "substan-

tially flawed" and of "poor quality".

Although the programme, which attracted more than eight million viewers and 2.6 million telephone voters, had not broken any of the ITC's regulations, Mr Rogers warned Carlton that he would be "very disappointed" if it made other

programmes using exactly the same format. Mr Rogers said that he did not want to stifle innovation or force all current affairs programmes to be erudite and elitist. He nevertheless felt that Monarchy

— The Nation Decides was not good television. There were too many panelists and the audience was too rowdy to allow

proper debate, he said.
"I don't mean that they lost control in the sense that there was a riot, but some of the debate was drowned out by cat-calling from the audience. Heckling can be witty but it went beyond that," Mr Rogers told

the Broadcasting Press Guild. The Commission received 36 complaints about the programme, but is unlikely to uphold any. At least half were from viewers complaining that they could not get through on the programme's telephone voting lines. Many invited guests complained the they had been

unable to make themselves heard.

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'Jessica Christ' play upsets Catholics

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A ROMAN Catholic college has upset the Catholic hierarchy by putting on a play with Christ portrayed as a woman

and Mary Magdalene as a rent boy. The Right Rev John Brewer, Bishop of Lancaster, condemned the "distortions of the facts" in the play, which depicts Jesus as "Jessica" and Mary Magdalene as "Mario the rent boy" and is to be performed in his diocese next month.

Bishop Brewer, an ultra-conservative who heads the Catholic bishops' theological committee, said he regrets it is too late to cancel the production. In a letter to the principal of the Cardinal Newman College in Preston, Lancashire, the bishop wrote. There seems to be no artistic justification and certainly no ductrinal justification for such a distor-

tion of the facts." He said it was no surprise members of the public had

already complained. In the play, which assumes the birth of "Jessica" Christ last Christmas and is set at around the time of "her" crucifizion 30 years later, Christ is betrayed by a woman, Jude, instead of Judas, Mary Magdalene, a follower of Christ out of whom He was said to have cast "seven

devils", has become "Mario the rent boy". The sixth-form college's student theatre group, Limelights, decided to put on the play as its tenth anniversary production. The work was created by staff and students and although it will be open to the public, most in the audience are likely to be college students. It will be per-formed just before the start of Lent and is

modelled on the medieval mystery plays. which were themselves based on the

events of Holy Week and Easter. Kevin Quigley, principal of the college, said the fuss was "a storm in a teacup". He added: "It is a creative adaptation of the original mystery plays. The text in terms of what Christ says in His major speeches is more or less taken straight from Luke's and John's Gospels, but spoken by a female student." He said the decision to portray Christ as a woman was "incidental", adding: "That is not the

Mgr Kieran Conry, director of com-munications for the Catholic Church in England and Wales, said: "I just hope people know what they are in for when they go through the doors."

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Chris Evans quits as BBC refuses a four-day week

THE Radio 1 presenter Chris Evans resigned yesterday when his demands for a fourday week were refused.

Evans, who is the station's most popular presenter and is credited with singlehandedly reviving its fortunes, will leave his breakfast show at the end of March. He quit his El milhours before it was announced that he had failed in his bid to set up a London radio station.

as one of 25 candidates for a new FM frequency.

The request by Egans 30 for every Friday off was rejected by Radio 1's cantroller.

Matthew Bannister whom Evans nicknamed the Fair Controller on air. He is believed to have wanted the time off to concentrate on his weekly Channel 4 show TFI Friday, which is rumoured to be under consideration for screening five times a week.

In a statement, Mr Bannister said: "Chris asked to: renegotiate his contract with us to allow him to have every Friday off. This did not fit in with my plans for the schedule. He has therefore exercised his contractual right to give

"Chris will have been at Radio I for exactly two years. broadcaster who has made a

MAKING WAVES ON THE RADIO

Evans has made outrageousness his stock-in-trade. His Radio I stunts include:

• Quizzing an assistant about her sex-life in a live

Features called "I'm in bed with my boyfriend" and "On

Encouraging two female guests to strip.

■ Telling a joke about the concentration camp victim Anne Provoking fury is Scotland on a visit by mocking

Scottish accents, accusing farmers of having sex with their sheep and jetting at a local radio presenter's low salary.

Coffering 11,000 to any member of a Roadshow audience who could prove they had slept with one of his production team.

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Broadcasting to keek Anither Turner, the former Lottery presenter, in the side the and branding the producer of her All You Need is Love show a "scumbag".

Boscribing children's television presenter Andi Peters as "talentiess" and the MP David Mellor as "a juke".

Calling on virgins in telephone the show if they planned

Calling on virgins to telephone the show if they planned to have sex over the next few weeks, and keep his team updated on their progress.

is an incredibly tough work-

load. He has been run-down

March 27 after serving his

notice, announced earlier this

week that he would not be

from seaside resorts - com-

plaining that he was "too old". Last autumn he negotiated a

Evans, who will leave on

and very tired."

tremendous contribution to week and one hour of live TV

the network. "His breakfast show is the most popular radio pro-gramme in the UK and also one of the most inventive. The replacement will be announced shortly."

Evans was unavailable for doing any more summer comment last night, but a roadshows — live broadcasts comment last night, but a source close to him said: "It has been obvious for some. He is an enormously talented time that to write, produce and present ten hours of radio a £7,000-a-week pay cut to

change the beginning of his show from 6.30am to 7am. When he declared on TFI

Friday that he was "mentally unstable" and medically unfit to be on the radio, Mr Bannis-ter renegotiated his contract to double his holiday to 12 weeks. twice that enjoyed by other Radio I presenters. Richard Branson, co-owner

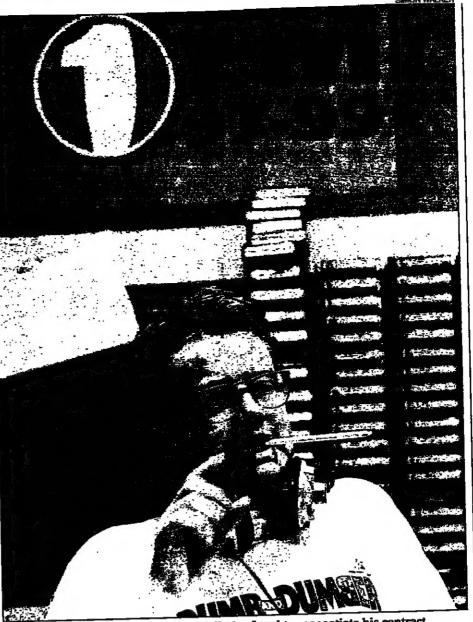
of Virgin Radio, announced that he had offered Evans a job after his resignation. Other lucrative offers from television and radio companies are forecast.

Despite his success, he has been heavily criticised for crude on-air jokes, insuits directed at audience members and co-presenters, and bragging about his salary. BBC insiders were privately

gleeful that Mr Bannister had finally stood up to the man who criticised him on air. although the station was said to be in turmoil at the prospect of trying to find a replacement for the man who reversed its ratings slide by putting on 600,000 extra listeners when he replaced Steve Wright in

April 1995.

A specialist alternative rock music radio station, XFM, aimed at 15- to 34-year-olds was last night awarded the last remaining FM franchise for London on 104.9 MHz. It beat 24 consortia, including



Chris Evans: he quit when Radio I refused to renegotiate his contract

Britain comes bottom of the class in international maths test

BY DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH adults came bottom in an international numeracy league published yesterday, with only half the success rate of the Japanese and French. Only 20 per cent of Britons aged 16 to 60 could answer 12 sums designed to reflect the basic mathemat-

ics needed in everyday life.
Young Britons performed worst,
with 16 per cent of 16 to 24-year-olds answering every question currectly, compared with 29 per cent of 45- to 55-

Japan topped the maneracy table

but in The Netherlands only 4 per cent performed so poorly. One in ten of the 660 Britons questioned could not multiply six by 21; more than one in three could not work out the area of the room; and more than one in four could not work out 10 per cent of 7,900.

The survey, of a total of 5,936 people, was conducted for the Basic Skills Agency, a charity that encourages adult education. Its publication was complete with research showing how numeracy problems can damage cmwith 43 per cent of respondents numeracy problems can damage en-with 43 per cent of respondents numeracy problems can damage en-answering every question currectly ployment prospects as much as diffi-followed by Prance (40 per cent, culty with words. Academics at City

Holland (38), Denmark (36) and Swe-den (34). Australia was second from arring the lives of 1,700 people born in toring the lives of 1,700 people born in 1958 for the National Child Develop-About 20 per cent of Britans could ment Study, found that more than one answer only five questions correctly, in three had "very low numeracy

At the age of 37, men in the survey with poor numeracy were more prone to unemployment. They were more likely to be in manual jobs and had a lower weekly wage. Women were more likely to be in part-time jobs and only one in four with poor numeracy held a full-time job.

Alan Wells, director of the Basic Skills Agency, blamed low standards and expectations at school for adults. numeracy and literacy problems. "We don't have to be bottom of the league; it is not our destiny. But to start climbing

the table we need to raise expectations and aspirations, stop accepting low standards and motivate people to want to learn and improve."

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, promised to announce more initiatives later this month to tackle poor adult basic skills. "Poor standards of literacy and numeracy are unacceptable. If our growing economic success is to be maintained we must get the basics right for everyone," she said. "Countries will keep investing here at record levels only if they see that the workforce is up to the job. The Government's battle to improve the

. basics will continue." Education, pages 36, 37

THE QUESTIONS

The questions in the numeracy survey were:

1 Subtract 1.78 from 5

2 Take away 2.43 from 5 3 Add together 5.5, 7.25 and 3.76 4 What is the total of 4.25, 6 and 7.74?

5 Multiply 5 x 21 6 Multiply 16 x 21 7 What is the area of a room 11 metres x 18 metres?

8 How many applies does each person get if a box of 72 is shared by six 9 What is 15 per cent of 700?

10 How many children are there in a crowd of 7,900 if the proportion is

11 What is 5/8 of 300? 12 How many books are not in a sale if a third are in the sale and the total number is 420?

ANSWERS: 1 3.22, 2 2.57, 3 18.50, 4 17.99, 5 126, 6 336, 7 198 sq m, 8 12, 9 105, 10 790, 11 250, 12 280

Fearless woman gives clues to brain

By NIGEL HAWKES

A WOMAN who has lost her sense of fear has provided scientists with clues about how the brain functions.

The woman, who is 56,

suffered from epilepsy from

the age of 28. To control the condition, doctors removed her amygdalas, almond-sized pieces of the brain found behind the ears, 18 years ago. The operation helped to control the symptoms, but had unexpected consequences. It left her with a greatly reduced sense of danger and an inabil-ity to recognise fear and anger

in the faces or voices of others. The woman, named only as D.R., has been studied by Dr Andy Calder, a psychologist with the Medical Research Council's Applied Psychology Unit in Cambridge. In Nature Dr Calder and colleagues from the unit and from the University of Wales in Cardiff and St James's University Hospital in Leeds describe the

tests they carried out. Her hearing was normal. and she could recognise faces. She could also recognise and describe the contents of sentences read to her, when asked to categorise them as happy. angry or sad. But she could not recognise fearful expressions, or the tone of voice in which the sentences were read. By removing her amygdalas the surgeons had taken away her ability to perceive emotion in others.

"It used to be thought that all our emotions were controlled by the same part of the brain," Dr Calder says. "But increasingly we are coming to think that different parts may control different emotions. This woman's case is a further piece of evidence."

Dr Calder said the woman's condition affected her every-day life. Her husband had once prevented her from plunging her hand into a pan

of boiling water. She had also lost interest in many television programme because they seemed pointless since she could not relate to plots which conveyed danger.

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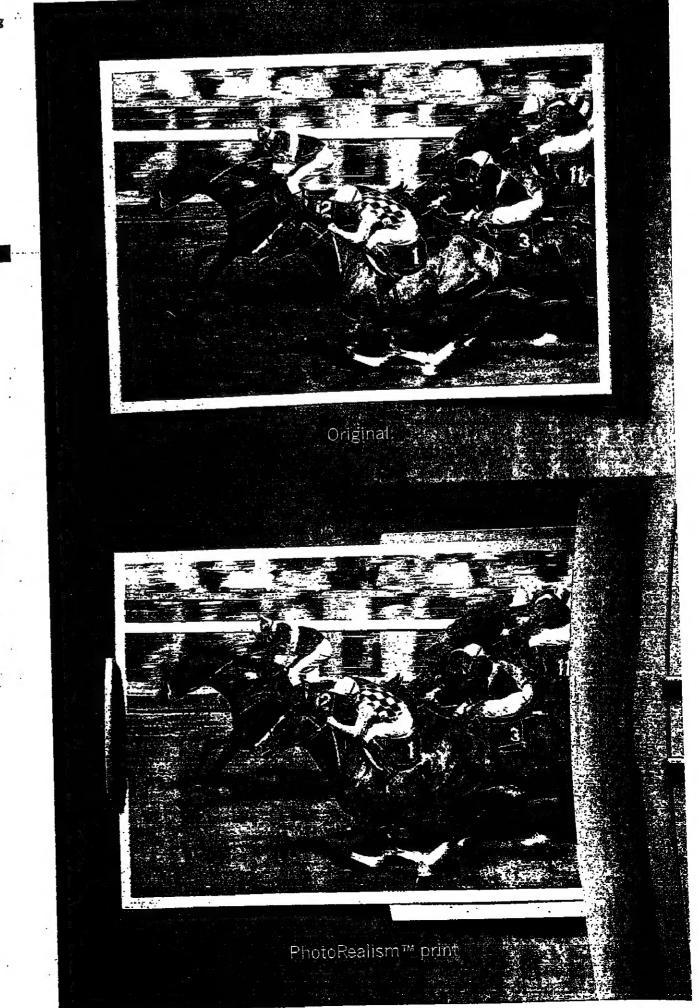
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Awful month for Wimbledon 'netted **Segers £19,000'**

A STRING of disastrous defeats during a month when the Wimbledon goalkeeper Hans Segers conceded it goals brought him £19,000 from a Far Eastern betting syndicate. it was alleged at Winchester

Crown Court yesterday. He banked the money in his "Gloves One" account in the Geneva branch of the Republic National Bank of New York after his team lost to Spurs, Arsenal, Nottingham Forest, and Liverpool in succession in October, 1994, "It was a bad month for Wimbledon," said David Calvert-Smith, QC, for

The payment was part of 104,000 that Mr Segers is said to have banked during the 1993-94 season and the early part of the following season before The Sun printed match-fixing allegations.

Mr Calvert-Smith said the corruption involved 17 Premiership games and two Cup matches, of which Wimbledon won only five. He said that Mr Segers collected the cash in seven separate payments of up to £20,000 each.

Six days after the last match of the 1993-94 season, which Wimbledon lost 2-3 to Everton after being 2-1 up in a relegation battle. Mr Segers banked another £19,000. The match was crucial to Everton, as it allowed them to stay up," Mr Calvert-Smith said.

John Fashanu, then a Wimbledon striker, who is alleged to have acted as intermediary between the betting syndicate and the goalkeeper, was also paid £61,500 after losses at the start of that season.

Mr Fashanu, 33, now a presenter of the television show Gladiators, Bruce Grobbelaar, 39. Mr Segers, 34, and Heng Suan Lim. 30, a Malaysian businessman, all deny conspiracy to give and accept corrupt payments.
Police investigating the

throwing of matches found that the first payment into Mr Segers's Swiss bank account was in October, 1993, 17 days after Wimbledon lost to Leeds 4-0. There followed defeats by Ipswich, 2-0, and Newcastle 40, after which, on November 9, he banked £14,000. At the time of the games, he was in frequent telephone contact with Fashanu and the British-based representative of the

syndicate, Mr Lim. Mr Fashanu and Mr Segers had both used the same branch of the Republic National Bank in London, and once paid in vast sums within three minutes of each other. On Boxing Day 1993. Wim-

xons

bledon won 2-1 against Coventry. They lost 3-0 to Arsenal on New Year's Day, then beat Scunthorpe 3-0 in the FA Cup, beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 and, four days later, on January 15, 1994, lost 2-1 against Sheffield Wednesday in the Coca-Cola Cup. Mr Segers banked El1,000.

Throughout the time the three men were in close telephone contact, and Mr Lim often rang the Far East, sometimes within minutes of the final whistle. Sources in Ma-laysia, Singapore and Indone-sia sent him £575,000 during

"We suggest the proximity of the telephone calls back-toback, close to matches, meant what was going on was a constant discussion to shall we go on that one or wait?" After losing 2-0 to Chelsea in

Mr Calvert-Smith said:

March, losing 1-0 to Queens Park Rangeres, beating Black-burn Rovers 4-1 and beating Coventry 2-1. Mr Segers banked a further £15,000 on April 15. There followed the Everton game, after which he banked £19,000 on May 13.

"Here are these multiplicitous telephone contacts about which Segers has lied, and here are these matches which it so happened Wimbledon



goals in four games

lost. You can draw the inference that the telephone calls and football matches are linked," Mr Calvert-Smith

The defeats in October and the payment of £19,000 were followed by a final £20,000 after Wimbledon lost to Leeds 4-0 just days before The Sun newspaper published allega-tions of match fixing.

After Mr Grobbelaar was confronted by journalists about throwing matches, there was an initial flurry of phone calls. But after that, the telephone calls ceased, as did the

The trial continues on Monday.

Eric Sykes berates new wave of comics

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

ERIC SYKES criticised the ics yesterday, claiming they were over-confident and lacked the "vulnerability" of their older peers. He said: These days they come on and insult audiences. That's not right. If you look at old comics, such as Tommy Cooper, the only people they were talking down were themselves."

Mr Sykes, 73, who wrote scripts for Cooper, The Goons and Frankie Howerd and who is perhaps best known for his TV series Sykes with Hattie Jacques. was speaking before he makes his West End debut next month in Molière's 1662 farce The School for Wives.

"Today," he said, "they have labels like 'alternative comedy'. But comedy either makes you laugh or it doesn't. All the old comics were the same person when they came off stage. What's happening now is that they're putting on funny voices to play various parts. What they're doing is play-

He recalled how few com ics of his generation had "made it" before the age of 40: "They would spent 20 years getting there." Today

MANAGERS



A bewigged Eric Sykes at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, where he is performing in Moliecre's The School for Wives. He said younger comics lacked depth

there was no depth to comics who become stars overnight once they had appeared on television. He said few had the material to last for a long run. When he asked one comic why he did not appear for a week, he was told that by the time he got to the end of the week, "everyone will know the jokes". Mr Sykes commented: "That's not good enough. There's a joker in every pub. The great comics rarely told jokes.

In returning to the stage as the inept servant Alain, Mr. Sykes is coming full-circle he began his career as a comic actor in repertories from

Oldham to Warminster. The School For Wives stars Peter Bowles as the middle-aged Arnolphe who, intending to marry his beautiful young ward, Agnes, keeps her away from the gaze and influence of other men.

Mr Sykes said that when Sir Peter had approached him with the idea, he had turned it down, feeling as unsuited to playing Molière as he was to Shakespeare. "I'd love to do Hamlet. I've got the legs for him, but that's about all," he said, "My first reaction was to say no. I didn't know his work."— But Sir Peter had argued that Molière wrote the ser-vant's part for the vandevil-lians of his day. "He said to me. You're one of the vaudevillians today.' He talked me

Mr Sykes had reservations about whether Molière was even funny: "I don't want chuckles. I want belly laughs. Otherwise, I think I've failed. I said that no stand-up comic I know ever got big laughs from standing at the front and doing rhyme. It looks too studied."

The production currently at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, opens on February 4 at the Piccadilly Theatre.

Shoppers warm to freezer bargains

to disrupt fresh vegetable suppliers forcing prices up, but frozen vegetables remain

Frozen cauliflower florets are 980 per kg compared with £3.63 fresh, and frozen Brus-sels sprouts are 82p per kg compared with £1.30. Frozen cut leeks at £1.09 per kg are-87p cheaper than fresh. Ari-nounced promotions include: nounced promotions include: Safeway park pies 99p for Asda: six fresh chickes breast four, corned beef 89p for 113g, fillets 55.99 for 879g, ground Danish rindless back bacon beef £1.59 for 372g, red/green

Budgens: smoked cod £2.99 lb, fresh chicken thighs £2.99 for 1.2kg, medium eggs 89p for 12, crumpets six for 29p.

Co-op (CWS): frozen deepdish steak and mushroom ple
454g £1.26, Crosse and Black-

well one-pan mealmakers buy one get one free, frozen mixed peppers 44p for 454g. Iceland: Bernard Manhews

lamb roast £2.99 for 567g, lowfat breaded cod fillets £2.49 for 575g, cauliflower florets 89p for 907g, Heinz weight watch-

THE chill weather continues er blackcurrant cheesecake 99p for two. Marks and Spencer, beef mince £1.99 for 516g, light cottage cheese £1.17 for 454g. four 150g low-fat bio toffee

yoghurts 89p. Morrisons: fresh British leg of pork £1.19 per lb, cod filler £1.89 per lb. oysters 39p each. fresh cauliflower cheese 70p for 300g.

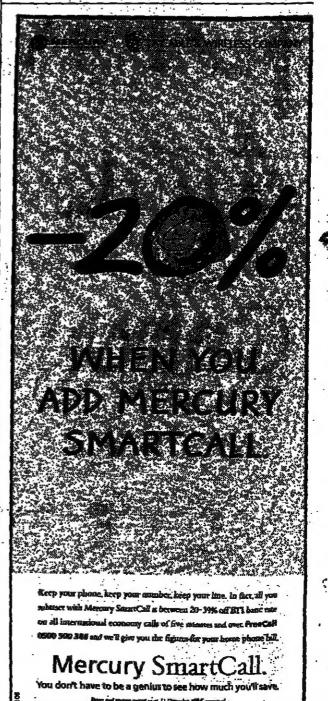
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for 125g.
Somerfield: braising steak
£1:21 per lb. cod filler £1.31 per lh, packed celery sticks 69p. dual yoghurts 25p for 175g. Waitrose: diced pork £1.99 for 312g, red seedless grapes £1.49 per lh. Australian honey £1.37 for 454g, diet cottage cheese 89p for 340g.

LERISSE SMITH







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Transplants of pig organs may never be given approval

HUMAN transplants using pig organs should not go ahead in Britain until further studies have been made of the risks involved, the chairman of a government inquiry into yesterday. The studies could show that such operations

Ethics of Xenotransplantation. said that there should be no human experiments before the risks of organ failure and the danger to the wider public from any transmission of animal viruses had been researched. The report of the inquiry, published yesterday, sounds repeated warnings about the inadequate state of current understanding of transplants using animal

Members of the advisory group believe it will be at least 8 months before researchers: have enough information about how a pig's organ will function in a human body. and even longer before they understand the threat posed by pig viruses. Scientists would then have to apply to Interim Regulatory Authority. announced yesterday by the Government to monitor the research pending legislation, sue cannot be met by transfor permission to conduct the plants from human to human.

first transplants to humans. But we take the view very The authority is to be chaired strongly that progress in this by Lord Habgood former area must be maintained and Archbishop of York and a

Launching the report yesterday, Professor Kennedy, head of medical law and ethics at King's College London, said: The authority will decide when if ever, research on should never take place. The authority will decide lan Kennedy, chairman of when, if ever, research on the Advisory Group on the humans should be carried out It doesn't follow that someone will conduct human trials. Maybe when they have done the research they will discover it is not ethically acceptable because the risk is too great."

He said it would be ethical to proceed with xenotransplantation only if the risks to patients and the population were reduced to tolerable margins", the pigs were prop-erly looked after and the cost of the research in terms of its impact on other medical or surgical treatments was

International co-operation over the research would be needed because viruses do not carry passports", he said. However, he admitted there was nothing to stop a company conducting human experiments in a foreign country where controls were more lax. Professor Kennedy said: "The current demand for tis-

> Immunology at Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, and a member of the committee. said there were forms of rejection that had not been overcome, there was insuffient understanding of how a "foreign" organ would re-spond to hormonal signals in a human body, and there were the risks of passing on animal viruses. "Suppose research finds horrendous rejection

if-possible enhanced. Xeno-

transplantation must not be

allowed to dominate the

scene." He added that re-

search on genetic therapies and artificial organs should

be "encouraged and pursued".

 Accepting the advisory group's recommendations, which are subject to three

months consultation, Stephen

Dorrell, the Health Secretary.

said: "It is essential that the

risks associated with xeno-

transplantation are better un-

derstood before the technique

is used on human patients.

The Interim Regulatory Au-

thority will ensure that these

questions are addressed."
Imutran, the Cambridge-

based company that has pio-neered the research in Britain,

yesterday issued a thinly

veiled threat that it would take

its work abroad if restrictions

here were too severe. Chris-

topher Samler, chief executive.

said: "There will come a point

in the not-too-distant future

when we can say we can learn

nothing more, and we are satisfied that we can now

satisfied that we can now proceed to clinical trials.

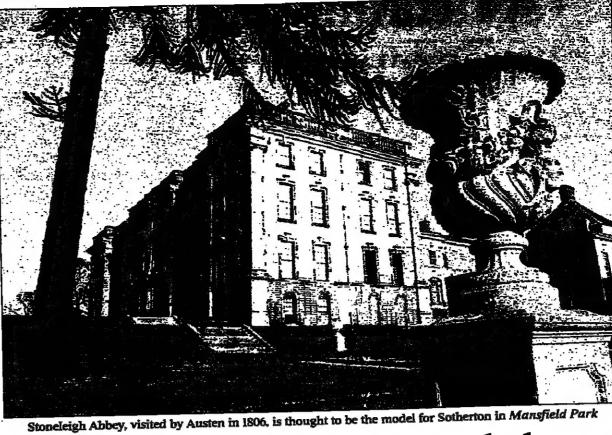
While we hope we will contin-

ue in this country there are

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Herb Sewell, Professor of

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£7m lottery grant saves stately home that caught Austen's unsparing eye

By MARCUS BINNEY

ONE of England's finest stately homes, held to be the model for Sotherton in Jane Austen's Mansfield Park, has been saved by a £7.37 million

Heritage Lottery Fund grant. Stoneleigh Abbey in War-wickshire has been closed to the public for the past eight years as debts forced its trustees to sell furniture and halt even basic maintenance. Creditors included the Inland Revenue and Lloyds Bank.

Pieces of stone cornice have crashed to the ground and Baroque carving has crumbled away as roofs have failed and dry rot has taken hold. The roof of the vast Regency stable block has collapsed.

Founded in the 12th century, the abbey was acquired after the Reformation by a Lord Mayor of London, Sir Thomas Leigh, whose de-scendants held the estate until it was vested in a charitable trust in 1980.

Jane Austen went to stay in 1806 with the Rey Thomas Leigh who, in the manner of one of her novels, had unex-pectedly inherited the house

avenues, dark rookeries and 26 bedchambers in the new part of the house and a great many (some very good ones)

Her description of Sother-ton in Mansfield Park, "with its old-fashioned rooms, amply furnished in the taste of 50 years back," its walled gardens and chapel with a profusion of mahogany and crimson cushions disappearing over the ledge of the family gallery above", almost certainly recalls her stay at

Stoneleigh eight years earlier. The plan is the brainchild of the entrepreneur Kit Martin, who has rescued nine homes in England and Scotland by converting them into houses while maintaining their character.

Mr Martin said: "I have long been looking for a house where I could show that residential conversion could go hand in hand with public access. The cost of endowing an entire house and estate of this size for the National Trust, or any other trust, is now so great that alternative solutions must be found." The main staterooms and



Austen: described "long avenues, dark rookeries"

263 hectares of park and woodland will be vested in a reformed Stoneleigh Abbey Preservation Trust, with new trustees, and opened to the public. Mr Martin will create nearly 30 houses in other parts of the house and nearby estate buildings.

Mr Martin said that virtually no alterations would be needed on buildings around the former abbey cloister. while other houses and cottages would be created in a service court and farm court-

yard. "I expect the houses to range in price from £70,000 for a two-bedroom cottage to £500,000 for the largest five-bedroom house." In addition, some 15 new houses will be built out of sight, in place of derelict modern farm sheds.
Contents saved with the help of lottery funds include a collection of 82 oil paintings and sets of Baroque chairs.

Tony Bird, a local business man who is chairman of the new trust said: "Over the next three years a major restoration of park and gardens will be carried out. We hope to open the park shortly and the house in two years time."

Most of the staterooms can be

restored to the way they were

when Country Life photo-graphed the house in 1897.

Funds for the restoration have also come from English Heritage and the European Regional Development ☐ The go-ahead was given

vesterday for construction work to begin on the Lowry Centre at Salford, a £127 million centre to incorporate visual and performing arts, which will be the North West's landmark millennium

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Rifle team captain hid old bullets

A former captain of the Scottish rifle team who hid nearly 4,000 bullets and cartridges under his floorboards has been fined £300 at Stirling Sheriff Court after admitting offences under the Firearms Act. John Glen, 71, of Brig O'Turk, Stirling, found the ammunition left over from the Home Guard when he was clearing his late father's home. He was ordered to forfeit a gun not covered by his shotgun licence, and ammunition.

Farmer cleared

A farmer accused of running down a councillor after a planning dispute has been cleared of causing grievous bodily harm. David Morris's car hit Anthony Taylor, breaking his pelvis, but he told Worcester Crown Court that it was a "ghastly accident".

Lorry kills boy

A five-year-old boy was crushed to death under the wheels of a dustbin lonry in front of his mother and brother. Robert Norris had stepped into the path of the vehicle in Newbury. He was pro-nounced dead at the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Escaped bull shot

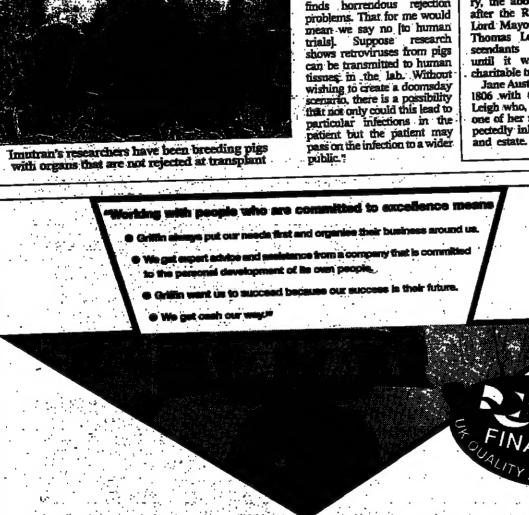
Armed police shot and killed a bull after it escaped from a cattle market and scattered shoppers in the centre of Banbury, Oxfordshire. Lorry drivers used their vehicles to help to trap the animal at a service station. It was killed with a single shot

Wedding chest

Records of 140 years of marriages in Greena Green have been bought for £13,000 by the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies. They were in a chest also containing letters to the Lang family. which oversaw marriages in the town from 1800 to 1939.

Lost porpoise

A porpoise has been seen in a stream near Barnby Dun, a South Yorkshire village 60 miles from the sea. The por-poise, identified by members of Thorpe Marsh nature reserve, probably took a wrong turn into the River Don from the Humber estuary.



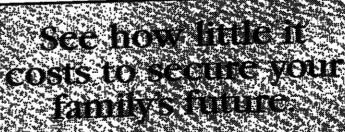
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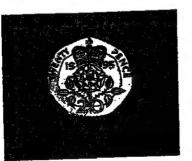


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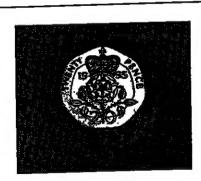
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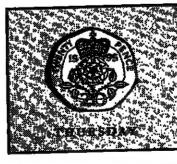
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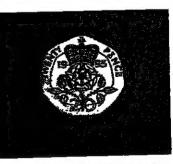
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Labour VAT claim provokes fierce campaign skirmish

JOHN MAJOR accused Tony and her neighbours were It has never crossed my mind Blair of a "crude smear campaign" vesterday after Labour launched a poster campaign which said that the Tories planned to put VAT on food, increasing household bills by 510,50 a week.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, ruled out imposing VAT on food under a fifth Tory overnment and the Prime Minister condemned the poster campaign as "untruthful and scaremongering".

The Tories' counter-attack came in the Commons after Labour had begun its first negative campaign of the pre-election battle, devoting its latest advertising to criticising the Tories rather than presenting its policies, as the party had promised.

Labour's poster campaign political broadcast last night featuring a mother struggling to keep her family together under a Tory government as

hurgled. time the Tories would stop at nothing". Labour claims that

keeping the Tories in power would mean fewer good schools, no NHS when you need it. VAT on food and more criminals getting off. Labour justified its cam-

paign by insisting that it had based its posters on comments made by the Chancellor in his 1993 Budget speech. Mr Clarke said then: "One of my options must be to extend the VAT base. The main candidates are food, children's clothes, transport, sewerage and newspapers. A nowerful case for each of them can be made and no amount of lobbying need put us off."

But yesterday the Chancelfor insisted that he had no such plans and had never even contemplated extending VAT to food. He told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "I have been four years as Chancellor.

to put VAT on food and it hasn't crossed my mind now. I have never contemplated VAT on food. I am not contemplating VAT on food now."

Pressed on whether he could rule out VAT on food in the next Parliament Mr Clarke said: "Yes." Later he added: "I don't expect to live to see the day when any government. starting from where we are now puts VAT on food," Treasury sources said that

teasing MPs in his 1993 Budget speech and had gone on to say that he had no intention of extending VAT to these areas. But Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, dismissed Mr Clarke's statement. The Chancellor's main prob-

Mr Clarke had merely been

lem is that the Prime Minister rold us at the last election that he had no need and no plans to extend VAT on to gas and electricity and within months he had slapped it on domestic

lesson of this Parliament is

promises on tax given before polling day." Accusations over tax dominated Prime Minister's Quesrions with Tony Blair accusing Mr Major of imposing 22 Tory tax rises since the last election and other backbenchers keeping up the attack on VAT

Labour's co-ordinated attack and said that Mr Blair's own tax plans "gobbledegook".

IF WE ISSUE MANY MORE DENIALS WE WON'T HAVE ANY POLICIES LEFT

Mr Blair said: "Do accept that before the last general election you gave a categorical pledge not to ex-tend VAT and that, after the election, in the first Budget, you did indeed extend VAT?" Mr Major replied: "You are

and untruthful campaign that was launched this morning a campaign that you know is simply scaremongering and a campaign that will not per-suade the British people."

Yet less than an hour earlier Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, had launched a new Tory poster campaign featuring Mr Blair's face and

cost you £23 a week." Dr Mawhinney said he had arrived at this figure by costing Labour's spending pledges according to Treasury rules. "Mr Blair could cost the average family £23 a week more tax to pay for Labour's £30 billion spending spree."

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Grubby conflict debases politics and breeds dishonesty

that you cannot trust Tory

claim that the latest Labour poster camnation - "The next Tory tax? EI0.50 a week on food - is crude scaremongering, but they partly have themselves to blame. The Tories denials before the last general election of having any intention of widening the scope of VAT before it was extended to domestic fuel in the 1993 Budget gave Labour the opening for their attacks. The

he Tories are right to political debate and prevent a serious discussion of the tax options which any government should consider.

Lahour has no evidence whatsover for claiming that the Tories would put VAT on food. Their poster implies that it is almost a Tory election pledge. At least when the Liberals campaigned on food taxes in the 1906 election, they had a legitimate target in the tariff reformers' call for Imperial Preference. This time. result has been to debase the there is no such justification.

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RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The quotations produced by Labour certainly substantiate their charges about the Torics' statements and tax record in 1992-94, but they say nothing about food. The current Treasury team has never ruled out extending the scope of VAT. but as Mr Clarke argued yesterday. it "has never crossed my mind to put VAT

The new Labour poster was

reinforced by last night's party political broadcast featuring a fictional family worrying about how they will cope under the Tories. But this rests on unsubstantiated insinuations, and like the poster, it plays on voters' fears in a dishonest way. It is akin to Labour's demeaning use of the word "lying" about the Government. But the Tory performance has also been

murky. It was a bit rich for Mr Clarke to complain on the Today programme about "rather tawdry PR men" given the influence of such men. ennobled and knighted, on Tory campaigning and its equally crude posters about Labour's £30 billion spending

All this mudslinging has a real cost. Ministers and their shadows are forced by the competitive pressures of campaigning to deny that they would raise this or that tax.

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ceptive when they are forced later circumstances into taking such measures, as happened to the Tories when faced by the big rise in public borrowing in 1992-93. The honest course is to keep options on specific tax rates open for as long as possible given the uncertainties about the fiscal outlook, as was traditionally the practice.

There is a good case for extending the VAT base to currently zero-rated items. This is the private view of many ministers and senior minimum rate of 5 per cent, it would make the revenue more buoyant, counter the recent growth of VAT avoidance schemes and permit other changes in, for example, the tax and benefit system to cut direct taxes for the lower paid and help people back into

in retrospect. Geoffrey Howe should have considered

BRITAIN'S biggest mass cir-culation tabloid newspaper was unveiled yesterday by Sir-James Goldsmith, founder of

The eight-page News, edited by Bernard Shrimsley, a for-

mer Editor of the News of the

World, will be distributed free to 24 million homes in the next

the Referendum Party.

June 1979 rather than nearly doubling the rate. But any hint of such an extension produces an outcry from opposition parties and from interested bodies. Even at the peak of Thatcherism in the mid-1980s, Nigel Lawson was dissuaded from doing so. What happened over the extension of VAT to domestic fuel (when the second stage of the increase was defeated in

> any similar proposals. But even if such a broadening of the VAT base is rejected because of its impact on the poor, it deserves to be discussed openly, not presented just in terms of "shock-horror" allegations. Any government will have to consider unpopu-lar cuts in core spending programmes and tax increases. Ruling out options ahead of the election is the

PETER RIDDELL

Goldsmith tries tabloid tactic

two weeks. The banner front-

They lied through their teeth." Sir Edward Heath,

who negotiated Britain's entry

into the Common Market, is

The newspaper is the most ambitious advertising initia-

tive so far by Sir James, who has spent millions of pounds

on his party, which is plan-

singled out for criticism.

headline proclaims:

Peers back down in protest at guns Bill

BY JAMES LANDALE

PRO-SHOOTING peers backed down last night from an attempt to delay the Government's ban on almost all

The Tory peer Lord Swansea withdrew a proposal to send part of the Firearms (Ammendment) Bill to a spe cial select committee in the House of Lords for greater consideration. The move would have delayed the progress of the Bill by about four weeks and could have prevented it becoming law by the general election.

Many peers oppose the Bill, which faced a flood of amendments last night as it came up for its detailed consideration. But the Tory "backwoodsmen" who packed the House to defend their shooting heriage want only to amend the Bill. They fear that scrapping would break Lords conventions and incur the wrath of MPs and many voters.

Lord McIntosh of Harin-

gey, deputy Labour leader in the Lords, also threatened to step up his party's campaign against hereditary peers if the Bill were delayed.

The measure provides for a ban on ali handguns above .22 calibre. The motion by Lord Swansea, a former chairman of the British Shooting Sports Council, concerned the Bill's second main aim of imposing stringent new security regulations on shooting clubs, where the exempted weapons would have to be kept.

The shooting lobby believes that the regulations would be extremely expensive and would force thousands of clubs out of business. Lord Swansea said that dismantling hand guns, with some parts stored at clubs, would be afer and cheaper.

Lord Swansea insisted that he did not wish to delay the Bill but said that it should be considered at greater length: But some peers warned that any delay would breach the "Salisbury Convention" by which the Lords does not overturn any government leg-islation in a Queen's Speech. As the Bill began its full committee stage, a Labour motion extending the ban to all handguns was defeated easily by 215 votes to 81.

ning to field 600 candidates at the general election. But the

launch was marred when the

newspaper was seen to con-

tain an extract from a book by

Dr Richard North, who is a

candidate for the rival UK

A spokesman for Sir James

denied any embarrassment.

saying that the book attacked

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New royal yacht may be privately funded By VALERIE ELLIOTT

WHITEHALL EDITOR

TREASURY officials are trying to raise money to fund a replacement for the royal yacht Britannia under the private finance initiative.

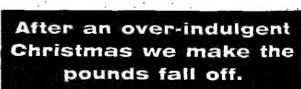
Senior ministers are keen to see a replacement for the yacht, but have vetoed total government funding at a time when departments are facing right financial constraints. By using private finance the

Government would be able to defer the costs, estimated between £50 million and £80 million. They would expect the new ship to pay for itself by promoting British exports abroad.

The private finance option was disclosed last night after a withering attack on the Government by an all-party group of MPs and peers, including a former Tory Defence Minister. Lord Strathcona. He named Kenneth Clarke as the stumbling block. "Let us not be shy," he said. "Rumour has it that the Chancellor is dead against it. That is nonsensical He has to be better educated. I view the position of the Treasury as beyond common

"My message to the Chan-cellor is the benefits of the royal yacht far outweigh the costs and fully justify its expenditure. The Treasury obviously can't do its sums."

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Forgotten city yields treasures of Ancient Greek colonists

BY DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH scholars are working alongside Russian archaeologists in a dig which has unearthed Ancient Greek jewellery studded with emeralds and rubies, a marble head of Aphrodite and thousands of gold coins from an Ancient Greek colony near the Black Sea.

The finds were made at the port city of Phanagoria, a community founded around 542 BC and spanning 185 acres. Phanagoria, on the modern-day Taman peninsula in the Russian Federation. was the second largest city of the Bosporan kingdom.

Archaeologists estimate that they have so far excavated just I per cent of the area. As about a quarter of the city is today under water, after a rise in the levels of the Black Sea over the centuries, the project will involve several years of

research.

The leader of the British team, Gocha Tsetskhladze, a Georgian-born scholar who lectures at Royal Holloway College, part of London University, said that, uniquely in the region, the site had survived without being built over. The remnants of temples, houses and bronze workshops in which the Greeks cast life-size statues have been

located.
Folitical change in eastern
Europe, he said, had opened
up sites from which Western
scholars were previously excluded. Archaeologists from



Tsetskhladze: seeking sponsorship for dig





The British team at Phanagoria; only I per cent of the site has been excavated

Royal Holloway and King's College are working with Russian colleagues from the Institute of Archaeology at the Russian Academy of Sciences of Painted Pottery. The gold coins both local and Green coins both local and Green

in Moscow.

Dr Tsetskhladze, who is appealing to sponsors for some £20,000 a year to continue the excavations, said: "The Black Sea has remained an area of myth, not just for the Ancient Greeks but for modern Western scholarship. The time has now come to open it to the West. Our knowledge of Greek colonisation of the

from their homeland, is very sketchy."

Much of what is known about Phanagoria, which thrived until the 12th century AD, has been based on early references to it: the Greek geographer Strabo, who died in the 1st century AD, is among those who referred to it

Black Sea and the life lived by

the Greeks there, far away

The Aegean Greeks' image of the Black Sea was of distant, dangerous shores with hostile inhabitants. Dr Tsetskhladze said: "The Ancient Greeks shrouded these far-off lands in myth. It was here that the Argonauts journeyed in search of the Golden Pleece." Gold jewellery, found in the necropolis, includes exquisite necklaces and earrings. Some are in gold alone; others, according to Dr Tsetskhladze, are decorated with "practically any stone you can think of". A thousand graves which have been unearthed are full of

analysed for evidence of their diet and health.

The geography and geology departments of Royal Holloway are also involved, studying ancient farming practices. Finding the head of Aphrodite has special significance as inscriptions found at Phana-

jewels and pottery. They date from the 6th century BC to the 4th century AD. Skeletons of an "elite upper class" are to be cal and Hellenistic times, Phanagoria had a very close relationship with mainland Greece, especially Athens. The study of the economic history of Phanagoria thus has the potential to offer insights into that of the wider Greek world."

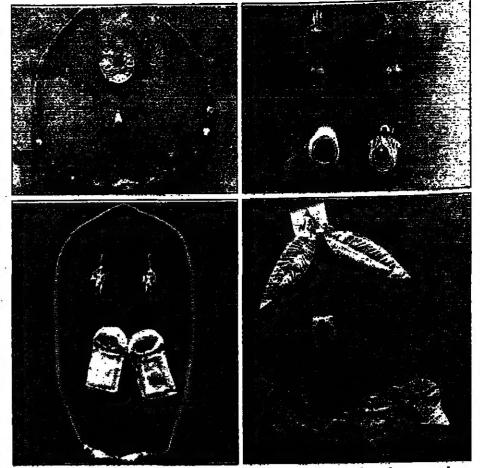
Greek world."

Colonisation was an important feature of Greek history, with its people establishing themselves in the lands stretching from the Iberian peninsula in the west and Africa in the south to the Black Sea in the northeast. Dr Tsetskhladze said: "In this colonial world, Greek and local cultures met, shaped and enriched each other, resulting in the foundation of modern European culture."

Phanagoria long competed for supremacy with Panticapaeum, the first capital of the Greco-Barbarian Bosporan kingdom: "The consequences of this struggle have never been investigated in the archaeological record."

Excavated antiquities are

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Jewellery uncovered in the necropolis, including necklaces and earrings, reveals exquisite workmanship; much is in gold and decorated with precious stones



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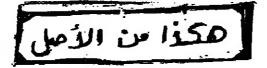
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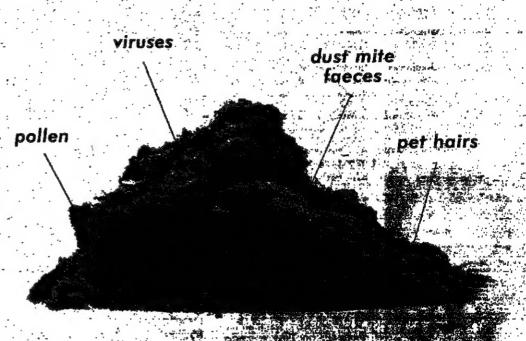


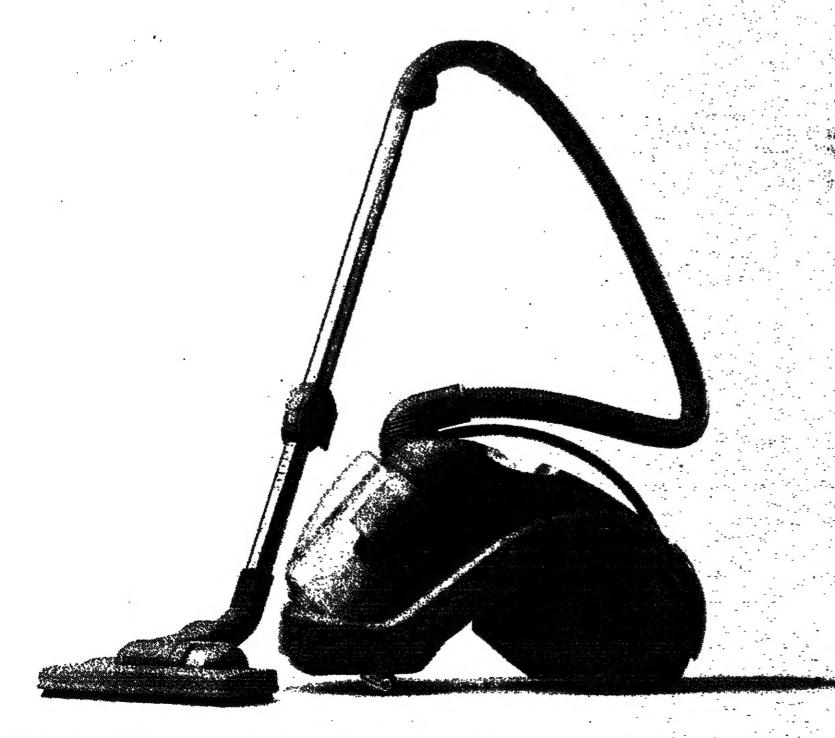
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US asks Vietnam for return of its mislaid plutonium

IN the final days of the stand the psychological stress were both commended for nuclear engineers volunteered for a perilous mission to the recover a canister of plutoni-

Working feverishly for sevmortar fire, the pair dismantled a nuclear research reactor. Then, leaving in a hurry, they scooped up 26th of urani-um and what they thought was the plutonium before being lifted out by helicopter. hours before Dalat fell in 1975.

Their derring-do was disclosed only yesterday by the American Government, but with the startling admissionthat the two engineers, in their scramble to escape, inadver-tently seized the wrong canister. Instead of three ounces of plutonium, one hundredth of the amount needed for a bomb, they took a container of harmless polonium. Now America is asking the Communist Government of Viet-

nam for its plutonium back. The nuclear gaffe was disclosed under a Clinton administration policy of openness. Dramatic films, previously secret, from the Cold War era of nuclear testing were released at the same time.

The films show unprotected. American troops cowering in slit trenches about six miles from the centre of nuclear explosions and marching towards the site of a blast soon after it happened. The soldiers were used to determine if they could still function and with

Vietnam War, two American of a miclear battlefield in the bravery. Mr. Hendrickson early 1950s when a Soviet nuclear attack on America besieged city of Dalat to was regarded as a distinct

said yesterday it was he who

grabbed the wrong canister...

Now 62 and still doing nuclear clean-up work, he had no experience in covert opera-

tions before being smuggled into Dalat, 180 miles north of

Saigon. The pair were told

they would be on their own if

The small reactor was given

to South Vietnam in 1959 by

President Eisenhower under

an "Atoms for Peace" pro-

gramme. As to the plutoni-

um's whereabouts now. Mrs

O'Leary said: "The discussion

with respect to where it finally

In other words, the Ameri-

cans do not know. The State

Department said Hanoi had

been "responsive" to its inqui-

ries. But some in Washington

fear that the plutonium, small

amount though it was, could

have been sold to North Korea

resides is not yet developed."

they were overrun.

um, a key ingredient for It has been reported previ-making nuclear weapons. ously that as many as 250,000 ously that as many as 250,000 eral days under sniper and exposed to radiation in Nevada and the Pacific without being told they were at risk.
About 18,000 disability claims were filed with the Pentagon, but only 450 applicants have received benefits.

One spectacular film shows a nuclear missile blowing up in a huge ball of fire on the launch pad on Johnston Is-land in the Marshall Islands group. Scientists fled and there were no casualties.

in making the disclosures, Hazel O'Leary, the US Energy Secretary, said that 13 more underground nuclear explosions than previously acknowledged pumped radia-tion into the atmosphere, though with no measurable contamination away from the test site. She also described 155 weaknesses at uranium storage sites that could result in the exposure of workers or the public to radiation. The conditions causing concern were at 13 sites in nine states. In many of the cases, corrective actions are under way.

Senior Energy Department officials learnt only recently that the plutonium in Dalat never left Vietnam. A low-level report on the failure never reached them. Waily Hendrickson and John Horan, the two engineers



Relations of the victims of the 1995 Kobe earthquake in southern Japan light candles in a park at Itami, near Kobe, in memory of their loved ones. In all, 6,425 candles were lit yesterday - one for each victim - on the eve of the second anniversary of the disaster

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Dole highest award Clinton to honour old rival

Washington: President Clinton, in a conscious effort to remain above the increasingly partisan fray of Washing-ton, is today to award America's highest civilian honour to Bob Dole, 73, his vanquished Republican election challenger (Tom Rhodes

Less than three months after defeating Mr Dole, the President will present him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom at a White House ceremony to unveil the design for a new Second World War

The gesture of respect for his defeated rival appeared to be part of a deliberate attempt by Mr Clinton during his pre inauguration week to distance himself from the partisan bickering in Con-gress over ethics and cavesdropping.

Questioned about the battle between Democrats and Republicans over ethics charges against Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, Mr Clinton, who still faces myriad scandals, portrayed himself as tired of political

combat. "I want it to be over," he said. "You know, the American people have given us. larger responsibilities."

Balloonist

along on his trans-global jour-day yesterday, taking the Azorès and heading for Glbraltar, His main worry was not the weather, but that less predictable, gusty element, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi,

matic overtures were being helped by Richard Branson, the British businessman

Those working on the prob-lem are painfully aware that

millionaire commodities dealer from Colorado, was said to be in "great spirits" after another night in his cramped capsule. He had managed

Mr Possett has departed from his original itinerary, which was to have taken Solo Spirit over the northern coast of Portugal, then up to Denmark before flying over Russia. The change was made because the Russians had not granted permission.

THE AMERICAN hot of bal-

Mr. Fossett's Solo Spirit balloon may pass over Libyan territory today, and he is attempting to make sure that he will not be peppered by the colonel's MiGs. "We're still trying to get permission to fly over Libya," said a member of the Solo Spirit mission control

whose own attempt to circumnavigate the globe in a balloon ended in the sands of North Africa last week. Mr Branson. who had permission to fly over Libya, wrote to Colonel Gaddafi in the hope that the courtesy might be extended to the American balloonist.

in 1995 two American balloonists were killed when they were shot down by the Belarus Air Force after they entered air space without permission. Mr Fossett, a laconic multi-

faces Libya furbulence

the Libyan leader.

in Chicago yesterday.

The Fossett team's diplo-

about four hours of sleep.

Lebed capitalises on American invitation

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

AMERICAN officials were last night attempting to explain how an invitation to attend President Clinton's inauguration had been sent. apparently without the know-ledge of the White House, to Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian presidential hopeful and outspoken critic of the ailing

President Yeltsin. General Lebed, 46, who was dismissed last autumn as Mr Yeltsin's national security adviser and has since made no secret of his desire to take over as head of state, announced on Tuesday during a visit to Germany that he had accepted an invitation to attend the ceremony on Monday. Last

night the White House said it. had not invited him but welcomed his presence as part of a further move towards a democratic Russia. Invitations to the event are controlled by the inaugural committee and by Congress.
The general's amnounce-

ment was clearly aimed at giving the electorate the imression that his status as a leading Russian politician had received recognition in Washington, It also highlighted his energetic image in contrast to the bedridden Mr Yeltsin, who has spent the past two weeks back in hospital.

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Brussels lines up against Britain on multispeed Union THE European Commission

yesterday added its weight to a drive led by France and Germany for a future multispeed Union in which groups of countries could pursue deeper integration even if other states objected.

Staking out its position on a more flexible European Union, the idea now at the core of treaty negotiations governments, the Brussels executive opposed Britain's demand that all member states must consent to joint actions by groups which want to pool their policies in new areas. Britain backs the multispeed anproach, but insists on unanimous approval for each case.

The accord of a majority should be enough, Jacques Santer, President of the Conmission, told colleagues. The Commission says flexibility, seen by Britain as a mechanism for opting out of a more federal Europe, should be only a last resort. Among strict existing common policies such as the single market, competition rules, agriculture, transport and fisheries.

The Commission backed the emerging consensus among member states that multitrack schemes could be applied to foreign policy, defence, the control of frontiers and police work, as well as to the few areas of economic policy that are not already subject to majority voting rather than unanimity. Steps towards further harmonisation of VAT and certain other tax policies, a longstanding goal of the Union, could be taken in this field, Commission officials said. Mr Santer called last month for moves towards more convergence in taxes inside the future monetary union and the Commission is to flesh out its ideas next month. However, the French and German Governments, as well as the Commission, dismissed as untrue press reports that there were Franco-German plans to pool control over income and other taxes.

The question of retaining veto rights over so-called "reinforced convergence" among



Santer: majority rules

clubs of member states is turning into the main sticking point between Britain and its partners in the attempt to revamp the Maastricht treaty to prepare the EU for enlargement to the countries of the former Communist bloc. John Major this week proclaimed flexibility to be the solution to Britain's arguments over deeper integration and called it "the only way the EU is

going to be able to develop". The Government, as well as its EU partners, now hopes it can narrow down a compromise on a formula for a multispeed system to clear the way for a revamped Maastricht treaty. This is to be produced at a summit in

Warsaw sets money date

POLAND should be ready to exchange the zloty for the euro by 2006, according to a report by Grzegorz Kolodko, the Finance Minister (Roger Boyes writes).

Poland's public deficit has been well under the 3 per cent celling for entry. set by the Maastricht treaty, since 1993. Public debt has been under the Maastricht target of 60 per cent since 1995 and is likely to fall further to 49.7 per cent in the coming year. Annual Inflation, however, is about 18 per cent. Negotiations with the EU are scheduled to start this summer.

Amsterdam in June. Further problems could arise, however, if a Labour government takes office, because Tony Blair said this week that he had serious doubts about a flexibility clause because it could promote an inner core, led by France and Germany. that would leave Britain on the

Senior British officials said vesterday that the main scope for multispeed arrangements stemmed from frontier and police co-operation and foreign policy, but a majority of member states retained mis-givings over the plans to allow groups of countries to use the community institutions that administer the economic area.

A flexible system already operates in practice with the continental Schengen scheme for open frontiers, Britain's ont-out from the Social Chapter and Britain and Denmark's right to stay out of monetary union if they wish. Compromise between Britain and its partners appeared most likely in the field of immigration and police work, the officials said. Most other states back plans for centralising border control and Britain would simply seek to opt out of the arrangement.

The Commission has long been reluctant to concede the need for formalising flexibility for lear of encouraging a "mix 'n' match" approach that could undermine the drive to ever closer union. It has now accepted the approach as inevitable, given the differences among member states in an enlarging union, and is trying to shape the debate.

Under its approach, groups of member states would have to apply to the Commission to vet their plan to ensure that it did not breach existing rules and rights. The Commission and other community institutions, including the Court of Justice, could administer the more integrated actions, but the participating countries would have to bear the costs. The Government is unhappy with the idea of putting EU machinery, and especially the Court of Justice, at the disposal of inner groups.



President Chirac is welcomed by President Goncz of Hungary and children in Budapest at the start of a two-day state visit by the French leader

Germans tip Delors to head bank

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

JACQUES DELORS, bogey man of British Eurosceptics, was yesterday tipped in the German press to be the first president of the European central

The claim, in the usually wellinformed Wirtschaftswoche magazine, is being denied, not least by M Delors himself. But there was no doubt in Bonn that M Delors would be an ideal candidate for his long-time friend Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. Indeed some believe the information was leaked from Herr Kohl's office, which is staffed by several francophile advisers.

The floating of M Delors' name highlights the dispute between France and Germany over the image and strategy of the future European bank: whether it should it be run by technocrats or political placemen. M Delors may well decline the offer if it ever comes — he is 71 and plagued by sciatica — but it will be instructive to see who supports him, for he is the very model of a political banker.

His appointment would infuriate the Bundesbank and the smaller members of European monetary union who will be looking for a firmly independent central bank.

M Delors enraged Margaret

he showed himself to be a politically adept bureaucratic centraliser - the lities most loathed by the former British Prime Minister. His training is that of a central banker, having entered the Banque de France at the

The Delors rumour sows further confusion in the bubbling dispute



Delors: favoured by Kohi

Thatcher during his tenure as Presi- between Paris and Bonn about the dent of the European Commission, for .. role of the central bank which is due to replace the European Monetary Institute Paul Marchelli, of France's central bank council, said this week that a secret deal was struck between Paris and Bonn at the time that the European bank was sited in Frankfurt. According to M Marchelli, in an interview with the French magazine Investir, Germany agreed to the first head of the European bank being a Frenchman. Now, he suggested, Bonn

was reneging on the deal. The Germans entirusiastically backed the head of the Dutch central bank, Wim Dulsenberg, to succeed their present institute chief, Alexandre Lamfalussy. In Germany, especially in the Bundesbank, the German-speaking Dutchman is seen as somebody ho will not allow the European bank to be swayed by politics. It has been assumed that Mr Duisenberg, who takes over in July, will automatically become the central bank chief in 1999.

The French are questioning the idea.

Mr Lamfalussy said last week that the European bank would not be a carbon copy of the Bundesbank but German ministers insist that, if anything, it will be more independent and more determined in pursuit of a hard

currency. By contrast, the French believe that the future European bank should be responsive to democratically elected politicians. The radically different view about the function of a central bank continues to poison

Franco-German relations. Personal politics is also helping to determine the arguments. Since President Chirac of France is unhappy with liberal Dutch drug policies, he is reluctant to reward The Netherlands by approving the appointment of a Dutch banker. The Germans in turn have been reluctant to consider a French alternative, not only because of the risk of political manipulation and a sapping of popular German trust in the euro - but also because of a sense it is losing many arguments to

Typical of the mood in Bonn is an article yesterday, by Professor Werner Kaltefleiter, an influential political scientist at Kiel University. He said Germans would surrender the mark more readily if other countries such as France and Britain "Europeanised" their suclear weapons. "A single currency alone is not enough to give united Europe international importance. European nuclear weapons are necessary for this."





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Vichy chief makes last bid to avoid Holocaust trial ing Vichy official accused of deporting 1,690 Jews to Nazi death camps during the Sec-ond World War, launched a which the case was delayed

FROM BEN MACENTYRE IN PARIS

whom perished in Auschwitz.

He also faces charges of ar-bitrary arrest, the arrest of minors and "inhuman acts".

If the appeal court decision

is not upheld next week, the

judicial system will face re-newed allegations that a full examination of Vichy's war-

time role has been covered up.

M Papon, who recently un-

last-ditch legal appeal yester-day to avoid standing trial for crimes against humanity.
The Court of Cassation.

France's supreme court, he-gan closed-door hearings to decide whether the ailing 87-year-old bureaucrat and fermer Cabinet minister should. stand trial in Bordeaux, the city where M Papon served as regional secretary-general under the collaborationist Vichy Government

M Papon is the first senior Vichy official to face charges of collusion in the Nazi final solution" and his case is seen France to address the painful ghosts of Vichy.

could have known about the had been expected to attend final solution." Jacques Bore, yesterday's hearing beat form one of M Papon's lawyers, told the court, adding that prosecuhistory 50 years late". The

Court of Cassation is expected enjoyed a meteoric postwar to rule next Thursday. career, must have known he was sending Jews to almost After 14 years of legal wrangling by the families of French Holocaust victims, during certain death.

But his lawyers argue that he was "only obeying orders", that Vichy was not a criminal repeatedly for political reasons, an appeal court ruled last September that M Papon should be tried for crimes regime. They also say, per-haps most crucially, that far from being a Nazi tool he was against humanity. That court also accepted allegations that an active member of the Resis-tance who sought to alleviate M Paport was an accomplice. the suffering of deported Jews. in the kidnapping and murder of Jewish deportees, most of

M Papon says that he joined although his claims have been disputed by some former Resistance fighters, they have been supported by others. The two images of M Papon reflect two, starkly different versions of the Vichy years: a Government working in the longerterm interests of France or a cynical group of criminals colluding in genocide.
"Respect for the victims"

memory demands that Maurice Papon answer at last for the assistance given to crimes



Papon, who is accused of deporting 1,690 Jews to Nazi extermination camps

to appear, raising concerns that his health may be too against humanity," ... Jeanprecarious for a trial. Prosecu-Pierre Dintilhac, a prosecutor, tors allege that M Papon, who told the court yesterday. Skeletons revive horrors of Stalin's purges

FROM RICHARD BERSTON IN MOSCOW

THE chilling legacy of Stalin's purges in his own homeland have been reawakened in Georgia after workmen discovered three human skeletons in the grounds of the Security Ministry in

According to a ministry spokesman, the remains were found during renovation work and taken away for examination. It is impossible to say

when they were buried here, but the speculation is that it happened in the 1930s during the repressions." the spokesman said:

Some reports suggested that the victims had been buried alive, and may be connected to other human remainsdiscovered four years ago in the grounds of the Georgian parliament building near by. Arseni Roginsky, the head of Memorial, the organisation committed to remembering the estimated 20 million Soviet citizens who

perished under Stalin, said that the latest discoveries may have been among the tens of thousands of Georgians who were killed in the great

Although Stalin, who was born -Joseph Dzhugashvili, and his henchman, Lavrenti Beria, were both Georgians, this did not prevent them rounding up and murdering their fellow countrymen, often intellectuals and members of the Communist Party

suffered the same as everywhere else in the Soviet Union, except that in Georgia the murders were less ran-

dom," Mr Roginsky said. One particularly gruesome statistic is provided by the Communist Party congress of 1937. Of the 644 Georgian delegates who took part, 425 disappeared in the following months. In spite of the memories provoked by this week's findings, many Georgians still

German jailed over mail-order bride business

By ROGER BOYES

PHILIPPINE authorities, as part of a crackdown on sex tourism, yesterday jailed a German for running a mailorder bride business which put Europeans in touch with women in the

Bernhard Lauks, 48, from Geseke in north Germany, was sentenced to seven years in prison. A court in Bacolod was told that Lauks ran an illegal business recruiting women from poor areas in the islands of Negros and Cebu

"Perhaps the point has been reached when Filipino women have to trade their morals for a bowl of rice," said Judge Edgardo de los Reyes. "This is evident from the frequent sex tours and the influx of paedophiles in our country.

Postal marriage bureaux sometimes occupy a legal grey area in Asia. The Filipino authorities have outlawed such agencies, concerned that they can be used as a cover for paedophile networks or by sex tourists.

Some of the main destinations for sex tourism — the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand — have been cracking down recently on Western tourists, local gangs and cor-rupt officials. Germany, Sweden and Australia have introduced legislation to prosecute paedophiles after they return home. Britain has been considering similar moves.

The calculation is that the offenders will be embarrassed by being tried at home and that this will be an additional deterrent. Such cases have been hard to try because of the difficulty of gathering evidence.

A team of British detectives is flying to Manila at the

weekend to improve intelligence links with Filipino authorities and clear up some of the problems in gathering credible evidence. The delegation, drawn from the National Criminal Intelligence Service and the British branch of Interpol, will concentrate on ways of rounding up paedo-

phile networks. The Christian Aid charity says that most foreigners arrested for child sex crimes in the Philippines are British, Last year two Britons and an Australian were convicted of paedophilia and sentenced to up to 17 years in jail.

The Germans are also a prime target for the Filipino police; annually, about 400,000 Germans fly to Third World destinations for sex. The result of this influx has been a rapid increase in child prostitution. In the Philippines there are said to be between 40,000 and 60,000 two thirds of them boys. In Thailand, officials say the

number is about 100,000. Last summer a 63-year-old German was arrested for sexually molesting Filipino boys in a gymnasium he had built north of Manila. German travel companies are now actively co-operating with European and Asian governments in apprehending sex tourists. Suggestive advertise-ments and phrasing have been removed from travel brochures, and hotel owners have been warned not to tolerate paedophiles.

☐ Manila: A privately funded Japanese women's group has signed an agreement with the panded humanitarian assistance to Filipinas used as "sex slaves" during the Second World War. (Reuter)

Rome wins vote on federal reform to block separatists

new constitutional vibodi esterday which could give Italy a federal structure along German lines and a directly

elected Prime Minister. Professor Romano Prodi, the centre-left Prime Minister elected last April, said the aim was to provide greater stabilty by revising the postwar constitution to suit modern

The new bicameral commission will debate fundamental revisions to the constitution, adopted in January 1948 after the end of Fascism. The move towards a federal structure, with greater self-government for the regions, is intended to

Umberto Bossi. Although his attempt to declare a separate state of "Padania" in Venice last September gathered little support, leaders of the Left and the Right fear that the regional grievances he exploited remain powerful.

The agreement to set up the commission comes ... after lengthy negotiations between Silvio Berlusconi, leader of the Centre Right, and Massimo D'Alema, head of the Party of the Democratic Left, the former Communists. The main obstacles have not been between Left and Right but berween Signor Berlusconi

THE Italian Senate approved undercut the separatist North and his main partner on the Fascist" Alleanza Nazionale. Signor Fini had wanted Italy to move towards a powerful French-style presidency, but many Italians remain suspicious of such proposals because of the misuse of centralised power by Mussoli-ni, the Fascist dictator.

The Senate majority was larger than expected, with 256 in favour and only 16 against. The proposal still has to pass lower house next week. The commission will have 70 members drawn from both chambers of Parliament, and will report at the end of June.

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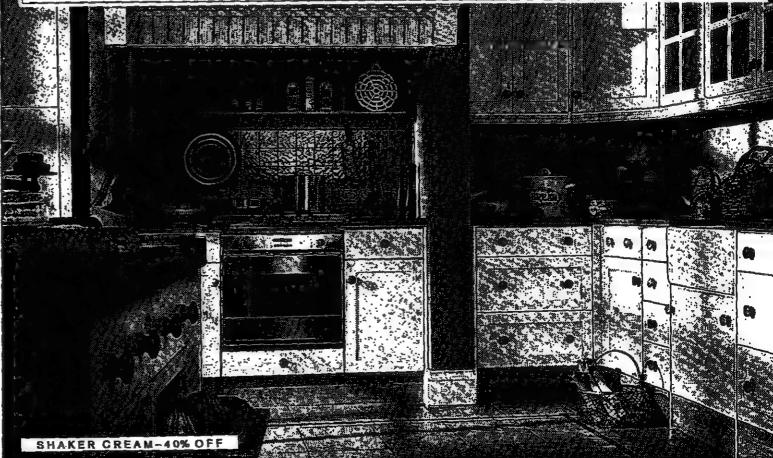
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Memos back top French link to KGB

Paris: A French magazine yesterday published docu-ments from the KGB and Bulgarian secret service to back its claim that the late Charles Hernu, France's For-eign Minister in the 1980s, was a Communist spy in the 1950s and 1960s (Ben Macintyre writes). One of the memos in L'Express describes relations between "agent Hernu" and his Bulgarian "controller".

Father contesses Hoofderp: The father of three

children found dead at home admitted that he and his wife killed them, Dutch police said. They were arrested on Wednesday but were recovering from stab wounds. (AP)

Tests for Tutu

Cape Town: Archbishop Des-mond Tutu, the South African Nobel peace laureate, was admitted to hospital for prostate gland treatment, an associate said. Samples were taken for tests. (Reuter)

Siege progress

ing 74 hostages at the Japa-nese Ambassador's residence have agreed to the creation of a negotiating panel, and hinted for the first time they might be willing to leave Peru. (AFP)

Sherry man dies

London: José Ignacio Domeco González, 82, known as El Nariz (The Nose) for his skill as a connoisseur of sherries, has died in Jerez, southern Spain, the Allied Domecq drinks group said. (Renter)

Magnet Food for thought

Saddam celebrates 'victory'

By MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ will today kick off a month-long "victory" party marking the sixth anniversary of the Gulf War.

President Saddam Hussein will deliver a bellicose speech typical of his performances during the conflict that left his country defeated, impover-ished and isolated.

Diplomats say the fanfare is aimed at deflecting attention from the fact that his power base is

eroding rapidly. Iraqis will be watching to see whether Uday. Saddam's eldest son and ouc-time heir apparent who was scriously wounded in an assassination attempt more than a month ago, is at his side. This is unlikely to be so. The playboy was reported this week to be still in hospital and paralysed from the waist down.

State-run television has shown images of Uday, 33. joking about his bullet wounds as "badges of bonour", but he has not been shown standing.

Saddam is now said to be grooming Qusay. 31, his more sober son. to succeed him. Most Iraqis view this move with equal alarm. "Uday is a psychopath, but Qusay is a sadist." an Iraqi exile said.

The objective of the defiant "victory" party is to demonstrate that Saddam's grip on power is as tight as ever. Iraqis have been ordered to express their batred of the "cowardly" West.

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Israeli soldiers told to pull out 'with heads held high and in broad daylight'

Star of David flag comes down at Hebron army base

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUS ALEM

ISRAEL'S Star of David flag was lowered at an army checkpoint guarding the en-trance to Hebron yesterday and dozens of forries were loaded with heavy equipment as Israel prepared to end 30 years of military rule over most of the West Bank city.

Army commanders were poised to give the go-ahead for the pullout to begin in earnest after a heated debate in the 120-seat Knesser to approve the deal completed in the early hours of Wednesday by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, and Yassir Arafat. the Pulestinian leader.

Yitzhak Mordechai, the Delence Minister, a strong backer of the decision to withdraw from 80 per cent of the city holy to both Jews and Muslims, issued orders to the army not to begin the evacuation until the Knesser gave its authorisation. However, after the narrow 11-7 vote of approval in the Cabinet, Mr Mordechai sanctioned the immediate removal of heavy equipment to speed up the operation and minimise chances of violence by extreme right-wing Jews and Islamic militants, who are both firmly

opposed to the agreement.

Because opposition leftwing parties had pledged to support the long-delayed pull-back, originally scheduled for Murch 1996, Israel radio said that the controversial deal was assured of support in parliament. It was also being debatWITHDRAWAL

ed in the Palestinian legislature in Ramallah, where angry representives claimed that they had not been given copies of the agreement.

After the humiliation of Israel's late-night flight from Nablus, the largest West Bank city, which was a severe blow to army morale. Mr Mordechai issued special orders that the retreat from Hebron - the last West Bank city still under Israeli control - must be carried out "with heads held high and in broad daylight". Hebron's 450 Jews, sur-

rounded by 20,000 Palestin-

ians, will stay on in the city

under heavy guard. In rain and fog that kept onlookers to a minimum, army buildozers dismantled cement barriers at the gate of the main military headquarters on a hill above the city. Palestinians living near the headquarters were euphoric as they watched the soldiers preparing a pullout that Washington hopes will give a boost to the flugging peace

"It is one of the happiest days of my life." said Maher Dandi, a 25-year-old baker watching from his home in a city with a total Arab popula-tion of 120,000. "I never dreamt the army would leave here." Also dismantled, as the marathon Knesset debate continued, were checkpoints and an observation post in different parts of the city.

Although many right-wing

dismay at the agreement to hand over land to Palestinians regarded by the ruling Likud Party as part of Israel's biblical heritage, an opinion poll in Yediot Aharonot, the biggestselling Tel Aviv newspaper, found 67 per cent of Israelis in

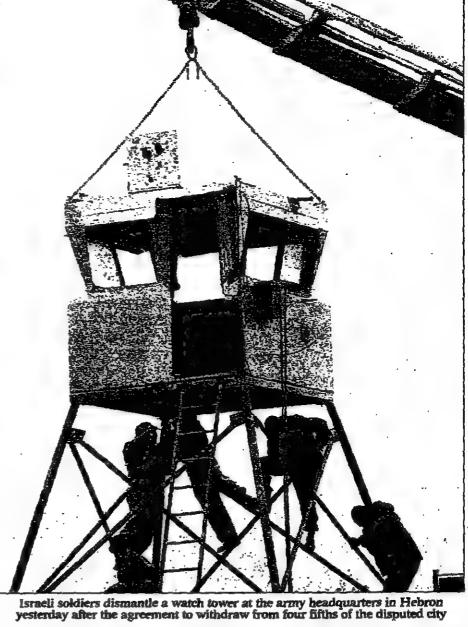
Cranes plucked sentry boxes from rooftops and rain-soaked conscripts dragged away the ugly paraphernalia of an occupation that began before they were born.

They split open sandbags, pulled down barbed wire and dismantled searchlights. "We hope the settlers will do the same and leave our town and let us live in peace," Harned Khalil Amr. a Palestinian butcher, said.

The Jewish settlers appeared resigned to the withdrawal and announced that on Sunday they will stage a protest at the Cave of the Patriarchs when they will rend their clothes in a traditional act of Jewish mourning. Military sources said that the redeployment was expected to be over by then.

In place of the departing Israelis, 400 blue-uniformed Palestinian police were last night ready to take over responsibility for law and order in the bulk of the city and also to perform joint patrols with some of the Israelis who will remain in the 20 per cent of the city to stay under Israeli

"As soon as the redeployopened by Mr Netanyahu, ment begins, our forces are



dier-General Abdel-Fattah ai-Jaidi. the Palestinians' Hebron commander, said. The Knesset debate was

he attempted to reassure angry rightwingers that Israel was not leaving Hebron. merely redeploying its forces. He received more support

he did from his own right wing coalition. Conspicuous by his absence from the Cabinet table in the plenum was

the anger of some on the

extreme Right disillusioned by

what they see as the Hebron.
"surrender" two deputies

from the opposing camps, Michael Eiran, leader of the

Likud Knesset group, and

Yossi Beilin, a Labour leader-

ship contender, have been

discussing a mutually accept-

final status talks, a tussle

between Israel and the Palestinians looks likely over the amount of West Bank land

that Israel will vacate in the

three further redeployments

agreed this week, to be com-

pleted by the middle of next

year. Israel says that the new

pulibacks will leave it with 50

per cent of the West Bank; the

Palestinians say that the fig-

ure should be 15 per cent.

Parallel with the revived

able final status plan.

Tactical shift fails to solve enigma

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

"YOU promised. We believed. You betrayed," read the sign held yesterday by one of the right-wing Israelis maintain-ing a protest vigil outside the office of Binyamin Netan-yahu, the Prime Minister. after he concluded the tortuous deal with the Palestinian Authority to hand over most of Hebron.

Although many right-wing Jewish extremists see Mr Netanyahu as a "traitor" who has sold out his ideals, most political analysts see him more as a continuing enigma.

REACTION

"Netanyahu has been in office for seven months, but there has yet to be any progress in deciphering the enigma of his true personality," Hemi Shaley, a leading Israeli col-

While the increasingly isolated settler movement argued that the Hebron deal reflected the final abandonment by Mr Netanyahu of the revisionist ideology of Zionism for which his family was famous, most commentators concluded that the longdelayed decision to sanction the Hebron pullout was mainly a tactical response to politcal pressure.

"It is significant that the Likud would sign an agreement to evacuate the city they view as their ancestral home town," said Khalil al-Shikaki, director of the West Bankbased Centre for Palestine Research and Studies. "But 33 this does not necessarily indlcate giving up a long-held ideological stance. It may only reflect political pragmatism on his part."

Gerald Steinberg, a political science and Tal

ical science professor at Tel Aviv's Bar ilan University. agreed. "It is clearly a prag-matic step," he concluded. "He is responding to the lack

of an alternative. Unlike the Sinai, handed back to Egypt under the 1979 Camp David treaty by Menachem Begin (whose son, Benny, resigned from the Cabinet over the Hebron accord). Hebron and the rest of the West Bank of the River Jordan are viewed by rightwing Israelis as "Indees and Samaria' and thus theirs by

God-given right. Western diplomats said that Mr Netanyahu's reluctantly given agreement on Hebron was born more of American and, to a lesser extent, Arab and other international pressure than of any heartfelt commitment to the 1993 Palestinian self-rule deal.

Hunt resumes for way out of Jerusalem labyrinth ional unity involving both Likud and Labour. Already, to

By Christopher Walker

THE long-delayed Israeli pullout from four fifths of Hebron will grant only the shortest of breathing spaces in the broader attempt to bring permanent peace to the Middle East and another regional war.

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in the agreement signed this week, the evacuation of the Israeli troops from the West Bank city holy to Jews and Muslims is to be followed "within two months" by the resumption of the "permanent status negotiations".

These talks on a final agreement are acknowledged Under an important clause on both sides to involve much

that of Hebron. "These are the real hard nuts that were left until last by the Oslo agreement." one diplomat said. They will make negotiating Hebron look very small beer."

The final status talks defeat of the previous Labour administration, but were ad-

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made so far to resume them.

The talks, planned to be completed in 1999, will tackle the question of future Palestinian sovereignty. The most contentious of the issues, which many observers fear will prove intractable, is the future of Jerusalem, With both sides claiming the holy city as their capital, the subject

arouses emotions much morefundamental than those involved over Hebron, which four fifths of Israelis said in a poll yesterday they had not visited in the past five years. "If there is no good faith, no

proof that (the Palestinians) are complying with signed how we will be able to make progress on such drastic isador to Washington. In

addition to Jerusalem, the new talks will also cover the final borders of what Palestinians hope will be their state as well as the future of millions of Palestinian refugees.

The Netanyahu Government has made known its opposition to any notion of a right of return" for the Palestinians abroad. So vexed are the questions due for discussion that many israelis believe that no final agreement can be reached without the installation of a government of nat-

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Algiers troops in Is casbah gun battle with guerrillas

A FRESH wave of bloodshed swept Algeria yesterday as security forces fought running gunbattles with Muslim guer-rillas in the streets of the casbah in Algiers and a pow-erful bomb exploded in a crowded market south of the capital, killing 12 people and injuring at least 100. taking prisoners.

More than 300 people have been killed in Algeria's spiralling violence over the past two months, bringing the death toll to an estimated 60,000 since 1992 when the military. cancelled elections which the Islamists were certain to win. Government security forces, reinforced by elite Algerian troops, sealed off the high casbah on Wednesday night and exchanged fire for seven hours with 12 heavily armed extremist rebels holed up in

the ancient heart of the city. The casbah, overlooking the Mediterranean, was a focal point of resistance to French forces during Algeria's war of independence, and the Muslim extremists seeking to overthrow the Algerian Govern-

ment have recently signalled their presence in the area with a series of brutal murders. Security forces have conducted several sweeps of the district in the course of the fiveyear conflict, often using heavy weaponry and seldom

At least 12 people were killed esterday in the town of Boufarik, 20 miles south of Algiers, when a bomb exploded in the popular morning car market. The attack came just a week after simultaneous car bombs killed 20 people and injured more than 100 in Algiers and the town of Ain-Fakroun, 240 miles east of the

Despite the Government's claims to be winning the bitter conflict, violence has steadily escalated in recent weeks with series of bombings and attacks on villages by guerralas. Earlier this week the bodies of five girls were found with their throats cut in a

village near Algiers. The bombing in Boufarik, a known centre of Islamic mili-

New light on Britons killed in Indonesia

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THE secrecy surrounding the fate of two British journalists murdered when Indonesia invaded East Timor in the dent Zeroual insisted: "The 1970s was partly lifted yester-Algerian nation is staunchly day with release of a hitherto committed to fight terrorsim unpublished photograph of carried out by criminals, traitheir funeral.

tancy, came hours after Presi-

The army's raid on the

casbah on Wednesday night

came after the Armed Islamic

Group (GIA), the most mili-

tant of the Islamic groups

fighting to topple the military-

backed regime, distributed

leaflets threatening to kill women wearing Western-style clothes and forbidding men

from smoking.

An Arabic-language news

paper al-Mouad, suspected of

pro-Islamic leanings, was

ized from printing presses

The confiscated edition car-

ried a story alleging that the

Damascus home-in-exile of

Emir Abdelkader, the late and

revered Algerian leader, had

been turned into a nightclub.

In the last three years, al-

Mouad has been banned

by the authorities yesterday in

the latest crackdown on the

tors and mercenaries."

The photograph reveals that the service for five murdered journalists, including the two Britons, was attended by a British diplomat, despite the fact that the Foreign Office for years refused to give information about their deaths or disclose details to their relations in Britain.

The picture shows mourners with a single coffin con-taining the remains of the five reporters, including the Brit-ons Malcolm Rennie, 28, and Brian Peters, 29, who were working for Australia's Channel Nine network in the border town of Balibo when they were killed by Indone-

The photograph, taken during a simple religious service at a graveyard in Jakarta, was kept from relations until recently. Although a copy of the picture was given in 1995 by



the Foreign Office to Maureen Tolfree, Peters's sister, other relations knew nothing about its existence until this

Last night Shirley Shackleton, a widow of one of the Australian newsmen, said that the photograph proved

there was a degree of collu-

sion by the Australian authorities. "It makes me angry to think that these men, who think they are given a mandate to rule the Australian people, were colluding with the Indonesian authorities to keep this whole thing silent,"

into the killings. "I don't think did not believe that the coffin conspiracy is too big a charge contained the journalists' reto make," she added. mains, which were never returned to Australia. "I was sent a telegram by a doctor

who was given the so-called

remains to identify and he

said 'the most I can say is they're human,' "she recalled.

She wants a judicial inquiry

Indonesia says that the five were killed in crossfire between East Timorese factions. But an Australian investigation last year concluded that probably they were killed by



Africa's ex-rebels go back to war against new foes

FROM SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT, IN NAIROBI Africa's problems". They are doing so by, in turn, assisting

manding SPLA soldiers.

war in Sudan."

that they were trained in

Rwanda and served in the Rwandan Army: Some even

spoke only Ugandan lan-guages, such as Acholi.

This complex web of overlapping civil wars has resulted

in a spread of the English

language in Zaire, traditional-

ly an area of French influence.

President Mobutu is now re-

cruiting a "white legion" of

mercenaries to take back land

which he lost to the Ugandan

and Rwandan-backed rebels.

Since French soldiers were

forced to surrender Fashoda

to the British under Lord

Kitchener in 1898, the army

and hardline elements in the

Elysee Palace have been ob-

sessed with the spread of Anglo-Saxon influence in Central Africa. Recent events have reinforced their conspiracy

THE leaders of four African countries have launched a cross-border military purge of their enemies. The comine French influence in East and Central Africa and confirm fears in Paris of an "anglophone conspiracy" in

HOM

President Museveni of Uganda, who arrived in London for a private conference last night, is at the centre of the initiative, which is based on friendships between African guerrillas-turned-politicians, forged in conflict and in

student digs in the 1970s. Others in the informal alliance include Paul Kagame, Rwanda's Vice-President and Minister of Defence, who - as military intelligence until 1990. The two men are close friends with two other tough former guerrilla leaders, Presidents Aferwerki of Eritrea

and Zenawi of Ethiopia.
All four brought down dictatorships which had the backing of better-armed and bigger armies in the 1980s and 1990s. With the enthusiastic backing of the United States and the quiet approval of Britain, they are now retaliating against neighbouring states which have been harbouring rebel groups opposed to them taking their cue from Washington's frequent demand that find solutions to "Africans



Museveni: at centre of ex-guerrilla alliance





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'I thought the divorce law was good, but we got it as wrong as could possibly be'



Chairman of Admissions at Oxford and principal of St Anne's, thrives on committees: "I am blessed with a fairly loud voice and a thick skin,"

Ruth Deech has been at the coalface of legal reform since the Sixties. Today she chairs the authority on human fertilisation and embryology

uth Deech came home from cruising in the Indian Ocean

have her late husband's haby. Mrs Deech, chairman of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, can say nothing about this. But as Chairman of Admissions at Oxford, she can refute Simon Times that Oxford should be less meritocratic taking a

"If Oxford was NOT meritocratic, I can just imagine so many bright kids with three As, one can choose the brightest and also find among em the debaters, the sportsthe eccentrics, the drunks. But we cannot start by looking for people with family and college connections. That is quite unacceptable."

Yet as Ruth Fraenkel, she got herself into Oxford eccentrically with only one top-grade A level (French); her Latin was average and she failed history. But she was determined. She tried every Oxbridge college until Lady Ogilvie, principal of St Anne's took a chance on her". And Lady O was right. Miss Fraenkei achieved her first (in law), and has become a power in the land as well as principal

of St Anne's herself. She was the only child of refugee parents in Clapham. Her father was a Viennese journalist (he studied law but could not practise under Hitler) who arrived in London the day war was declared.

At ten, she passed the 11-plus so impressively that the local authority sent her to Christ's Hospital School, Hertford. "I'd read Angela Brazil and imagined fun in the dorm. But it wasn't like that. They stripped you naked and clothed you in liste stockings, baggy navy gymslips, calico underwear, starched nightdresses. I was miserable." As the only Jewish girl in a churchy school, she objected to bacon for breakfast, and her parents nearly took her away.
"But I wouldn't admit defeat. I was a battling, determined child even then.

Thirty years on she realises her school made her resilient, disciplined and efficient.

aving accompa-nied her husband, whom she met on Oxford, to teach in Canada, she came home to see a Times advert for a St Anne's fellowship, and has been there ever since, influencing the law from outside the courtroom. Her 1994 polemic on Dangers in Divorce Reform warned against the most recent changes. Yet back in 1969 Mrs Deech had been at the coalface of divorce reform,

"I was only a lowly assistant at the Law Commission at a most exciting time. And I thought it was a very good law, rectifying previous defects. But as the years passed, I realised that the underlying sociology was hopelessly wrong.

They thought illegitimacy would fall, divorce would stabilise and become less hostile. Instead illegitimacy rose, cohabitation rocketed, the di-

wrong as could possibly be."

So she is now drafting contract for marriage, askin vorce law, you at least knew

is involved? It's not surprising involve thinking but what,

writers (Tina Brown, Libby Purves, Jancis Robinson) rath er than heiresses. Mrs Deech thrives on committees: "That's how you get things done. I am blessed with a fairly loud voice and a thick skin." Having enjoyed the benefits of the college creche for her daugh-

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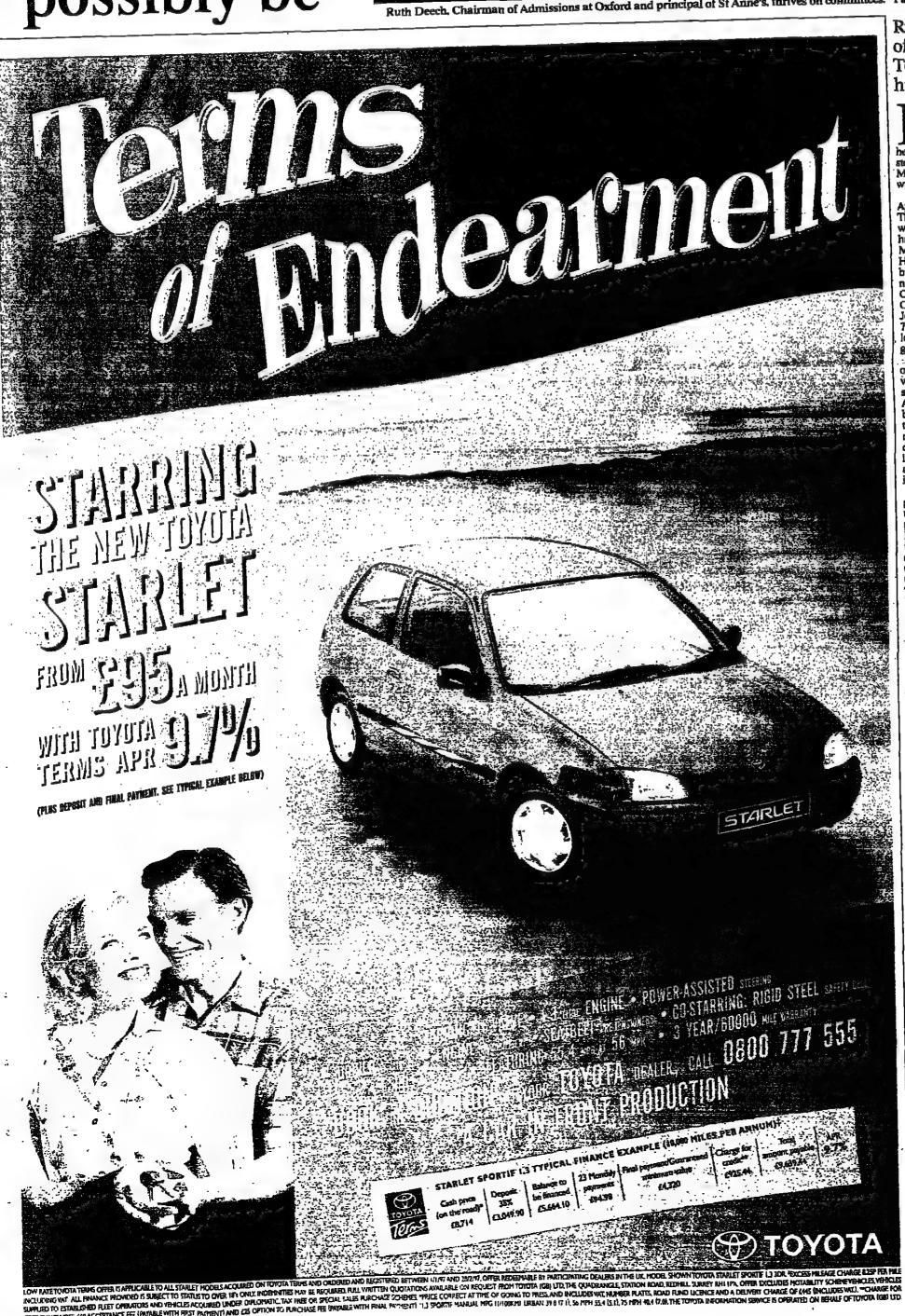
ter, she fought for more creches. "What's the point of equal opportunities if women can't use them? My mother was always reminding me she had to give up work for me.

She hardly stops working. It seems years since she played the piano or baked a cake. She once rang me at midnight-while hurtling down the M40 to her husband, an Oxford solicitor. Her chief recreation now is after-dinner speaking: everyone wants to know about. the HFEA

Her job there is to steer 20 colleagues to agreements that the public will accept. But public opinion is volatile. Last summer it swung one way on frozen embryos, another on the culling of triplets, back-again on Mandy Allwoods octupiets. About Mrs Blood octupiets. About Mrs Blood public opinion felt that the HFEA was clinging inflexibly to its tenet of consent" which the unconscious Mr

Blood could not give. But regulatory bodies are never popular, she says. They have to balance so many interests. And the questions raised by embryology have only begun, with eugenic em bryo tests for cystic fibrosis breast cancer. How much do we want to know Shall we discard a half because it might develop breast cancer? Do we distard

all but the perfect babies?" Public opinion will carry on cavilling. Mrs Deech does not waver. While science advances. faster than our emotional (a pacity to cope with the chical consequences, "I believe there is virtue and stability in tight regulation per se, she says in reassures the public.



My memories of a cool dad



Father and daughter: they shared the same shyness, looks and deadpan humour



becca and her mother, Mary: they knew that Ronnie was suffering one of his depressions



Ronnie with the young Rebecca: "He understood everything that was going on with me"

he crowd was riveted by the saxophonist playing to the darkened, smake-filled club, but as far as Ronnie Scott was concerned there was only one person in the room.

Rebecca, his only daughter from a long-standing relationship 25 years ago, sat watching from a table at her father's Soho jazz club as he played her favourite childhood song.

Send in the Clowns. It was October, 1995, and the last time she would ever see him play. Fifteen months later, two days before Christmas, she walked into his flat in Chelsea to find him lying dead, face down on the livingroom carpet, beside his constant companion the television set. Provisional tests have proved inconclusive but some friends fear Scott, a depressive for much of his life, had

committed suicide. It is sadly ironic that, in the end, it had to be Rebecca who found him. Since she and her mother, Mary, moved to America when she was 14 months old (her parents' relationship had broken up), she saw her father only a few times a year when she came to London or he to the States. Despite the distance, father and daughter were close, sharing the same shyness, looks and deadpan sense of

Rebecca, 24, and her mother knew in early December that Scott was suffering one of his depressions. Mary had tried to persuade him to buy a Christmas tree to cheer up the flat. but he was evasive. When Rebecca arrived to spend Christmas with him on De-cember 17 his mood had not improved. He was deeply depressed about a dental problem which prevented him to Soho. Scott, who was born

from playing at his best and about his impending seventieth birthday on January 28.

wrong, it had been going on for quite some time," says

He just said he wasn't in

to make Christmas for Daddy". Rebecca bought decorations for the modest twobedroom flat, situated in a block off the King's Road. She spent more than an hour putting them up but when she awoke the next morning Scott. had pulled them all down again. Not only had he taken down every single decoration. be had physically removed them from the flat," said

On the night before his death, Scott took Rebecca and a friend to dinner at The Ivy restaurant. Later they returned to Scott's eponymously named club and there was a disagreement over the amount of time Scott was spending talking to friends and colleagues. At one stage Rebecca was left sitting on her own for two hours. That night she went to stay with a friend and when she returned to her

noon she found him.

"I knew something was

Rehecca. "He was very worried about being 70. He kept saying he was too old and couldn't play I said to him: You might be 70 but you don't look it and certainly don't act it. But it didn't make any

the Christmas spirit." Urged by her mother to "try

father's flat the following after-

It was an inglorious end for a man who brought magic into the lives of many people and created perhaps the most fam-ous jazz club in the world, bringing the likes of Dizzy Gillespie, Coleman Hawkins and the Buddy Rich Orchestra

The Atlantic separated them, but Ronnie Scott and his illegitimate daughter remained close. Speaking for the first time since his death, she tells Carol Midgley how she missed her chance to say goodbye

in the East End, is revered for his contribution to jazz, but his private life was always

mplex. He has two children, Nicholas, 32, by his former long-term partner Ilsa Scott, and Rebecca, by Mary Scott, a former member of staff at his club. Although he never married (friends say he could never commit himself to one person), both women bear his name. His close friend Benny Green is reported as saying

that he never got over the divorce of his parents, Sylvia and Jock Jock a successful danceband saxophonist. committed suicide at 55 after discovering he had terminal cancer.

it is a testament to Scott's ability to compartmentalise his life that Nicholas and Rebecca have never met, but both were dear to him.

Like his father, Nicholas, a magician, suffers from depression. This prevented him from attending his father's funeral at Golders Green crematorium, north London, last week. "He was basically a very cool dad," says Rebecca. "He

understood everything that was going on with me and never judged me or tried to preach to me about school or work. When I would go through different phases, like getting my eyebrow pierced, he would just say 'Oh, Rebec-

He was very witty and quick. He didn't have any back teeth and he was able to make these really hideous faces at me. Sometimes he would just walk around with his nose taped up and his eye taped down for no reason. No one could make me laugh like

Regulars at Ronnie Scott's, which he ran with his business partner Peter King, were used to Scott's banter. "We are very impressed with the way you are controlling yourselves. What

have you been 'He was drinking. Cement? Why don't you all playing join hands and contact the living?" just to her he would tease the audience. When Rebecca

— I was almost in

moved to America, they spent four years living in a New York hotel tears' while Mary carved out a living as a booking agent. She now runs her own catering business from Brooklyn, while Rebecca runs a chub in Providence, Rhode Island.

and Mary first

Rebecca's early memories are of the club in Frith Street which dominated her father's life, although at the time she was too young to appreciate it. "When I was about six I hated coming over to London because I didn't have many friends here. I didn't like the club because I remember it was always so dark and smoky, but as I got older and made friends I began to appre-

Christmas I told him it would ciate how privileged I was. Dad is revered for his playing: take time to recover but he said: 'That's just it Mary, I really admired everywhere don't have time, do I?" and not just by his own "Had he been able to play himself out of this depression generation. I get to meet all kinds of famous musicians it probably would have been who play at the club in Rhode OK. But he was a perfectionist Island and they are in awe of him. Noel Gallagher from and could not tolerate being anything but the best. His

Oasis was once charting to me and when I said my dad was Ronnie Scott he couldn't believe it. He told me he had been to Dad's club by himself just to sit and listen to the

"But Dad would never acknowledge it himself. He was modest to a fault, even to the point of signing postcards from my friends back home. But I think deep down, way, way down, he acknowledged

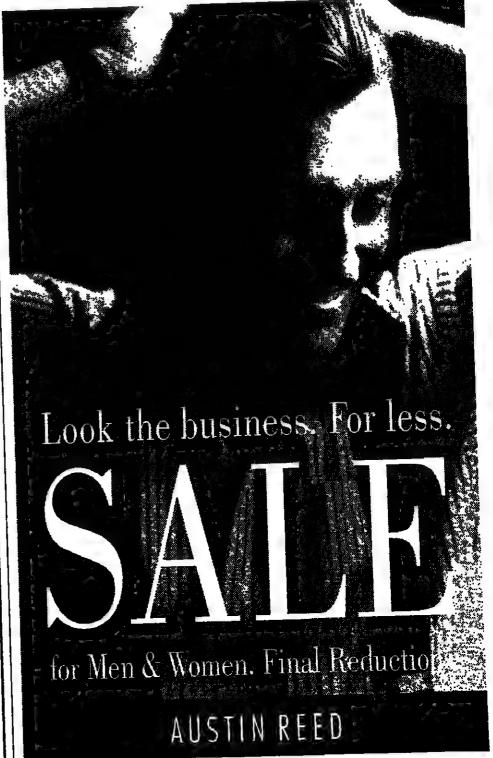
llsa, the mother of Nicholas, believes that, in the end, Scott felt he had let people down "I'm very very sad that he died the way he did but in a way. although avoidable, it was inevitable," she said. "He was a kind man, a lovely man who wanted to do right by people. But in the end he didn't do right by himself. There was a lot of self-loathing there and it drove him downhill."

In his past during difficult times Scott tried to take his own life several times but received expert psychiatric

Mary, 53, believes Scott's recent illnesses - he had had operations for thrombosis as well as his dental problems drove him to despair. "He couldn't see his way through this illness," she said. "Before his normal standards and he played was like a Picasso painting and expressed all his inner turmoil, but recently the light had gone out of his eyes. He had been tectotal for most of his life but recently he had

taken to drinking.
"He lived his life the way he wanted. The Ronnie I know and love is the one who would take me to a restaurant, sit down at a table, then pretend to the waiter that he had no idea who I was. He was a hysterically funny man and teeth stopped him playing to

That night at the club when him the sheet music to that song when I first heard Sinatra sing in it America and he put his version on an album. Becky always loved that recording of her father's when she was eight she choreographed some children dancing to it. It is very significant for us. That night he was playing directly to her. his saxophone was pointing directly towards her and I was almost in tears. I will never

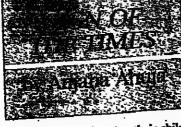


Hillary fades as Liam triumphs in the name game as pop stars or television celebrities.

WHILE we were all marvelling at the appearance of Liam in the list of British top ien boys' names, American onomasticians (people who study names) noticed something very

Hillary, which had been becoming increasingly popular, was suddenly nowhere to be seen. "It's the quickest fall in a name I've seen, said Cleveland Kent Evans, a rather improbably named onomastician

based in Nebraska. According to Mr Evans, whose discovery was reported earlier this month in the International Herald Tribune, for every ten babies christened Hillary in 1992, there was only one in 1993. Since Mrs Clinton (or. her husband) took office, mothers



became afraid to burden their child with the H-word because of the assumption that it is out of admiration for the First Lady. There may be some precedent in that - after all, how many Adolfs do you know?

And although traditional girls' names such as Eleanor (No.22), Molly (No.28) and Georgina (No.39)

are becoming trendy again in Britain. Margaret may well have been buried for good by its unshakeable association with the Iron Lady

Also reported in the IHT was "evidence" of a long-held suspicion that the choice of a name reflects parental breeding. College-educated mothers and

fathers tend to derive inspiration for names from the Bible, history and literature, and are therefore more likely to favour classics such as Edward and Elizabeth.

Parents who dropped out of college, Mr Evans says, tend to look more to popular and contemporary culture for their choice. As a result. their children bear the same names

That probably explains why Britain suffered a rash of Kylies not many years ago, and why Liam surfaced this year in the list of top ten popular

Mr Evans has sifted through the birth records in the state of Oregon to illustrate his thesis. College graduates chose the following names for their boys Matthew, Nicholas, Zachary, Alexander, Benjamin:

Ryan; Andrew; and Joshua. In contrast, the top ten boys' names among the children of high school drop-outs were Michael; Austin; Daniel: Christopher, Tyler, Brandon: Christian; and David. It cannot be long before Brad emerges as a front-

Philip Howard



Send in the clowns — don't bother, they're here

lowns have far more appeal than serious men of affairs. Their vulnerability and impotence in a cruel world attract the sympathy of the man in the stalls and the woman in the polling booth. Shakespeare knew their uses to lighten the intolerable burden of tragedy and to make shrewd points beneath the bulbous nose and the permanent bad hair day of the clown, And from Buster Keaton to Rowan Atkinson and Rik Mayall. clowns have milked the sympathy and followed in the pratfalls of those old fools.

"Don't laugh, it's cruel," admonished Max Wall. "Don't laugh at me 'cos I'm a fool," croaked Norman Wisdom. And their audiences fell about in sympathy with their misfortunes and clumsiness.

In the run-up to the general election (the longest straight man's feed in the history of showbusiness) our politicians could learn more useful lessons from clowns than from their busy crowds of press advisers, ennobled advertising agents, speech-writers and policy wonks. Any fool could have told John Major and Tony Blair that it is bad business to be nasty to tramps. This may play well to hard-hearted readers of the Daily Mail on suburban commuter lines from Metroland and Dulwich Village. But Stan Laurel. Charlie Chaplin and other old boys from Fred Karno's Factory made the tramp. cheerful and cheeky in adversity, one of the strongest archetypes in the English imagination. Screaming Lord Sutch (the longestserving party leader in politics) and Sir James Goldsmith's barnty army will attract such few votes as they get from this natural sympathy for no-hopers and outsiders.

Playing in London at present there are three shows with superb modern clowns of different genres. Their policies could make the election more effective as well as more cheerful. Slava in Snowshow says nothing in the tradition of Harpo Marx and Pierrot, personified by Jean-Gaspard Deburau and immortalised in Les Enfants du Paradis. But his surrealist silences say more with 20 times more wit than Prime Minister's Questions. And he engages the audience for his clown's equivalent of a party political broadcast by spreading a pseudo-cobweb over their heads, turning a blizzard on them, and bouncing huge balls on their heads - all metaphors for the confusing business of life

7 ictoria Chaplin and Jean Baptiste Thierree in Le cercle invisible are also superb mimes, circus magicians and clowns. They too work through indirections. silence and surprise. Jean Baptiste has a permanent smile and funny hair, a bit like Tony Blurr. But Jean Baptiste has the vague, zany, endearing smile of the clown that includes his audience in his private world. not the professional rictus as advised by television coaches, which both excludes and alarms the audience. And Victoria glides more gracefully and transforms her message and her costume more elegantly and smiles more secretively than any politician.

The bounding young men and women in Saltimbanca come from a more violent school of clowning. The invention of elastic ropes strong enough for bunjy-jumping has transformed this sect of knockabout clowning into flying on a string. It is the one that the small boys like best. These bounders and clowners do talk, but it is in an incomprehensible gibberish that sounds like a birdlike dialect of a Romance language. But it is far more comprehensible and impressive than a thousand doctored soundhites

When clowns weep great coloured tears down their powdered cheeks, their audience weeps and smiles with them. When politicians use the red or blue tear trick on their posters, the result is disturbing and confusing. A politician knows a good joke when he steals one. But when a politician tries a spot of satire about his opponents, he has his audience rolling in the aisles - towards the exits.

A government of clowns, a comedocracy. would be a ship of lools. We do not really want a clown in Downing Street, not even Charlie Chaplin or Sir James. Our statesmen long for the love and happiness the clown inspires. But they could learn some modesty and humanity, as well as good humour and the art of silence from our clowns. And we can escape from the follies of the election campaign into the far more serious world of proper clowns.



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High-minded and doomed

ould Parliament be detribalised? For months there has been gossip about a flirtation Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown are bonding. What do we make of it?

The iron fences around the Palace of Westminster enclose much worldliness. but no spot more cynical than the Press Gallery bar. Here, words like "princi-ple" and "friendship" raise a titter, the phrase "altruistic motives" a hollow laugh. God's name is unknown here. except as an expletive.

Pint in hand, the lobby correspondent would never quite have got the measure of Joan of Arc, attributing her voices, perhaps, to a spin-doctor under deep cover. Commentary on Thomas More, missing his mainspring, would have lacked predictive power. Luther would have been an enigma. Gladstone a puzzle to the press bar. Seen from this cave. the explanation for any partnership veen politicians from competing parties is uncomplicated. Each must be in it for himself and his party. Each hopes to use the other, ditching him when his help is no longer needed.

To such observers, Mr Blair is simply

arranging a small insurance policy against the contingency that he fails to win enough seats to govern alone, or runs into mutiny. Mr Ashdown is manoeuvring his crew into a hove-to position: ready to sell his support for a high price and a limited period. The bar wonders only who will take whom for a ride. It rejects the contrary interpretation as hopelessly high-minded. This is that Blair and Ashdown have been growing personally closer, kindred spirits, sharing more than with many on their own teams. Both are repelled by the tribalism of British politics, both conscious of a purpose in public life beyond winning for the tribe.

Naturally each sees material advantage in their tryst, but also something more: a refuge. Neither has many grown-ups to talk to in his own party, and even those grown-ups are objects of suspicion. Who can suppose Tony Blair feels more relaxed with Robin Cook than Paddy Ashdown, Mr Ashdown happier with Simon Hughes than Mr Blair?

Co-operation across party, both believe, would be good in itself. The adversarial nature of British politics is self-defeating, party a sour and blinkered thing. Would it not enrich public affairs if people of goodwill formed habits of co-operation, bringing Parliament into accord with what the nation yearns for: government in the national interest by a deliberative as-

Blair and Ashdown want to break the mould, but the effort may break them

Matthew

Parris

sembly of reasonable men and women, all doing what's best for the country—the Athenian ideal?

The coming election, each muses, could mark the birth of a millennial idea: detribulisation. At the very least this would remove grit from the legisla-tive machine; but in wilder moments, both dream of a real constitutional shift, a dawning era of governments-of-all-the-talents, fantasy Cabinets which are not a game; the consensualising of British politics.

Ashdown has thought this through and sees electoral reform and coalition government at the heart of such a shift. Blair, a more instinc-

of brotherhood resonates with voters. It resonates with his own beliefs. And it answers the electorate's fear of the Labour Party, which he shares. Impelled, then. both by belief and insecurity, he itches to

tive man, knows the

broaden his political base beyond his parliamentary tribe. Whether by informal coalition, or by triggering a schism in the Labour Party and regrouping British politics around the Centre, he cannot say. But when he talks about "changing the face of British politics", he means it. Journalists have difficulty with people who mean it.

During the 1980s, when our century's titanic struggle between class interests seemed at last to be resolving itself in favour of the bourgeoisie. Blair surely caught a national mood of irritation with adversarial politics. Nobody who has caught a bus could miss it. It is the hankering after a new politics: the mood that spawned the SDP, and to which Oswald Mosfey once hoped he could appeal.

There is no logical connection between Tony Blair and the Labour Party except that he leads it. His philosophical soulmates lie right outside the mainstream of party politics: Ben Pimlott, Andrew Marr. Geoff Mulgan, Peter Hennessy, and the Australian who has become his unofficial chaptain, Peter Thomson. These are not party men. And Blair's yearning for a new kind of politics will have been bolstered by something further: the Christian half of the Christian Socialist equation. No reading of Blair's story can finish except with the suspicion that the Christian

part goes deeper. Fleet Street has a problem handling this, David Icke could be dismissed as mad. Tony Blair is not mad, so what do we make of his early thoughts of entering the priesthood, his assessment of the Rev Peter Thomson as "spellbinding? Newspapermen tend to shrug off such exoticisms as though they were bolt-on accessories to an otherwise conventional personality, rather than part of its engine. Sometimes we ignore the obvious, especially when it is hard to handle in the Press Gallery bar and the

obvious here is that faith is a wellspring of Tony Blair's life. Faith, insecurity and ambition: a potent cocktail throughout history. God has been good

to him. Selection for Sedgefield, when a closed shortlist was unexpectedly opened for the youthful unknown, came from the realms of the

politically supernatural. And if John Smith had not died just when he did, the next miraculous event would not have occurred. Now - John Major's potentially winning cards inexplicably dashed from his hand — the triptych of miracles is in place above the political altar. Like the Red Sea, the waters of public affairs have parted for this young man's passage. It will be dismissed as absurd to venture what follows, but it is ventured regardless: the thought must have crossed Tony Blair's mind that he is part of God's plan for Britain.

Two views, then, of Blair's and Ashdown's friendship: an unkind opinion held in the Press Gallery bar; and a fairytale view from the world of ideals. There is a fear-some possibility that the fairytale view is accurate. These men may really hope to break the mould of British politics.

If so, they are doomed. Has Tony Blair any idea of the furies that would await him should he, once installed, draw back from the role for which, grinding their teeth, his parliamentary tribe is striving to install him? To get there, each of those 350-odd Labour MPs will have fought and beaten candidates from the other parties. Some

nees do well.

their dream team to lead the coun-

try, and win prizes if their nomi-

The Staggers claims that the

idea, first outlined in their pages a

week ago, was "conceived after an

original dinner". How odd then

that in the pages of The Times on

December 23, one of my rightish colleagues floated the idea for a

new political game called "Fanta-sy Cabinet" which invited readers

to draw up their ideal top-table 22.

Despite newspaper allegations

about his relationship with the young homosexual Paul Stone.

Jerry Haves, MP, looked fit when

he turned out at a memorial ser-

vice in London this week. "The

News of the World diet," he ex-

plained. "It's a very fast way to lose

of the most bitter battles will have been with Liberal Democrat rivals. Victorious Labour MPs will arrive at the Commons steeped in the blood of the hustings. When they enter, they will enter a place soaked in the bile of adversarial politics. Every memory, every rule, every unwrit-ten phrase in the unwritten constitution - the very seating plan of the Chamber itself — is infused with the spirit of tribe

and the habits of party.

Does Blair kid himself that his tribe wants him for anything beyond the prize it reckons he can then deliver them in that place? Hegemony: power, jobs; the grinding of rivals' faces in the dirt this is the prize, this the reason why the Labour impi bite thier lips and carry Blair's spear. Should victory be followed by any kind of sharing of spoils with the enemy, their chief would not be forgiven.

hey will never let him get away with it. The PLP will never, never touch electoral reform.

Once the Liberal Democrats realise this, Ashdown's party will start to give him serious trouble - especially beyond Westminster, where, across swathes of Britain, Labour is the enemy. They will already be smarting from loss of seats through coalition talk. They are not in politics, delivering Focus in the rain, to rescue Labour leaders from their own extremists. The idea that their own leader would doff his cap and provide a rent-a-majority for a beleaguered Labour leader is anathema to them: famiasy from the realms of pure mathematics. Blair cannot deliver electoral reform, and without it Ashdown cannot deliver his party. Tony Blair has about as much chance of usefully involving Liberal Democrats in the next government's policymaking as the Northern Ireland peace women have of forming a crosstribe Hutu-Tutsi Cabinet in Rwanda.

Ramsay MacDonald tried it. Oswald Mosley dreamt of it. Jo Grimond, Jererny Thorpe, David Steel talked about it. David Owen (in more ways than it is fashionable to remember a flawed prototype for Tony Blair: so much less substantial than he seemed) began it. You can't do it.

Perhaps the Labour leader does know this. Perhaps the bar is right: he plans only to use the Liberal Democrat leader to polevault him over the Scottish Parliament ditch, then betray them. If so, then trebles all round. Otherwise, prepare to carve the name Blair alongside those of MacDonald, Mosley Owen and Jenkins on the cenotaph of those foolhardy souls fallen in the cause of a new politics for their country.

Clinton's new sobriety 6

Bronwen Maddox

expects an older

President to be wiser

t President Clinton's first inauguration. Warren Beatty and Barbra Streisand were guests of honour, and the wide-eyed 30-year-olds whom he had hired as White House aides queued to give their first soundbites to the television cameras. The razmatary was the overture in a The razzmatazz was the overture to a presidency which even in Mr Clinton's supporters' eyes was inconsistent, often naive, and achieved only modest steps towards its aims.

This year, the Clintons intend Monday's celebration to be "simple", "ele-gant" and "less of a megillah", according to reports. And financially clean: the budget, although still above \$20 million, has been sharply cut, because corporate donations of more than \$100 each have been ruled out. The White House hopes that this sobriety will be the harbinger of a second term which leaves a clearer and more forceful legacy.

Those hopes are reasonable, provided that the President resists the indulgences of his first term. The charge against him on the evidence of the past four years is that he is a chameleon who likes to please appropriate and has a chameleon who likes to please appropriate and has a chameleon who likes to please appropriate and has a chameleon who likes to please appropriate and has a chameleon who likes to please appropriate and has a chameleon who likes to please appropriate and has a chameleon who likes to please a propriate and has a chameleon who likes to please a propriate and has a chameleon who likes to please a chameleon who likes a chame please everyone, and has surrounded himself with scandal while betraying principles traditionally at the heart of the Democratic programme.

Dick Morris Mr Clinton's now-

disgraced political consultant, published memoirs this week which paint a portrait of a White House divining its policies by holding a mirror up each day to public opinion, and spending more on opinion polls than any previous

New Republic magazine, which uneasily endorsed Clinton in its election editorial, noted that "Few in America. can be confident that a man so eager to please, and so routinely unable to distinguish those with a valid claim on his compassion from those without, will not make similar mistakes again," The mistakes, critics argue, are that he swung abruptly from "liberal" themes in the first two years, such as gays in the military, to co-opting Republicans tradi-tional themes after their triumph in the

mid-term elections.
They also hold against him the collapse of the grandiose health-care reforms, the failure to do much about dismal educational standards, and the signing of the harsh Republican backed Welfare Bill. In summary, they say, the poorest have suffered most while the middle class has been untouched.

These criticisms have force. And vet. there are solid achievements from the first term which are likely to form the main themes of the second term and the core of Mr Clinton's legacy. In retrospect, despite oscillating over individual policies, Mr Clinton has adhered consisently, since he ran for the governorship of Arkansas, to one political philosophy: a fiscally conservative brand of Densocratic politics. While socially liberal, he has kept the totems of permissive liberalism such as gay rights and abortion rights at arm's length.

n his first term, he pursued an outward-looking foreign policy, despite the isolationist instincts of many in both parties. His success in clinching the Gatt and North American Free Trade Agreement pacts may eventually be judged one of his most valuable achievements.

In the next four years, these characteristics - a concern for the poorest, tempered by a wish to curb spending, and a willingness to engage with the world - are likely to be more pronounced. The domestic arena will be dominated by two main themes: education and balancing the budget. One of Mr Clinton's main campaign pledges was to allow college fees to be offset

against tax. At the same time, the White House foreign policy team, now under the leadership of Madeleine Albright, has shown a determination to remain engaged in distant conflicts despite the uncertainty of their outcomes. In the treatment of both Ireland and the Middle East, the White House shows a growing sophistication and a willingness to play the part of dispassionate broker, pressing Sinn Fein and the Israeli Government towards dialogue with their opponents.

By building on these strengths, Mr Clinton may achieve a further goal: the lasting rehabilitation of the Democratic Party into an electable party of the centre. According to George Stephanopolous, the senior Clinton adviser who is leaving Washington for academia and the media, "It is not unlike what Tony Blair is trying to do in Britain -smashing the myth of an ultra-liberal. ultra-permissive party, and endorsing the notion of personal responsibility. Democrats for too long were hostage to interest groups and did not speak to the broad middle class.

It would be wrong to expect grand, controversial reforms from Mr Climon. Even if they were in his character, which they are not, congressional opposition and lack of time would almost certainly frustrate them. Like Tony Blair, he is likely to duck the main challenge facing his country: wearing the middle class off the social security and medical entitle ments which underpin its current stan-

dard of living.
But even if Mr Clinton's legacy is one of small reforms, he may still prove to have succeeded in a crucial task: restoring public confidence that government has a role in improving people's lives without being financially profiigate. Despite the scandals swirling around the President, voters evidently found that principle credible enough to P·H·S | found that principle credible en

Hey — diet

newly appointed "spokesperson" for Weight Watchers, has put her daughter Princess Beatrice on a diet. In Argentina last week, while visiting her mother, the Duchess was supervising a children's swim when she noticed that Princess B was looking "a bit chunky" in her swimming togs. "I very

THE DUCHESS OF YORK, the



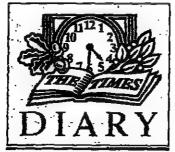
Little princess, too big

much fear that Beatrice is blessed with her mum's genes," she said in an interview. "She's only eight, but she definitely can pack it on

So the little princess is on short commons for a while. She has been told that from now on it is "no bread, and no more fizzy drinks only water". The duchess added: "I told her, Today, for lunch, forget about the quiche. Instead have chicken. And pick fruit, not chips.' It worked. She did it. But it was because she herself wanted to. Poor baby. I think overeating sort of runs in the family."

Good Deedes

JEREMY DEEDES, the managing editor of The Daily Telegraph. stands accused of penny-pinching after dispatching his father Lord Deedes, 83, to Angola to cover the Princess of Wales's visit for the newspaper. Lord Deedes, old Africa hand and the model for Evelyn Waugh's Boot of The Beast in his novel Scoop, travelled economy class with Air Gabon. "You could say it's down to the mean-



ness of his son," said Deedes fils, but Boot of The Beast makes his own arrangements. Remember he is a catcher of buses, not taxis."

Old news

WHEN Lord Wyatt of Weeford sat on the panel of judges for the Oldie of the Year Awards a couple of years ago, he put his oar in at every opportunity for Cilla Black. but she failed to make the shortlist. Among judges this year. Sir Ludovic Kennedy has been batting for Ernie Wise but he hasn't made it either. Last on the dancellour for 1997 are Barbara Castle. 8o. for her campaigns on behalf of pensioners: Lord Runcie, 75, for revelations in The Times about the Royal Family and about gay vicars; Sir Alec Guinness, 82, for his

diaries; and June Whitfield, 71, for her return to form in television sitcoms. Result next month.

Team work

NEW LABOUR may have made a practice of stealing Conservative clothes, but now there is disturbing evidence of Tory transvestitism from the Blairite press. The latest issue of the New Statesman invites entries for "Fantasy Polinos", an exercise in competitive Cabinet-making where the magazine's readers (both of them) select



'It is turning pear-shaped'

No prizes

weight".

AFTER 33 years, Ian Fleming's lamily are back in control of the James Bond books. Fleming's nieces Kate and Lucy have bought back a 51 per cent stake of Glidrose, the company that owns the copyrights. Their uncle sold it to the Booker Group in 1963 to lower his tax burden, leaving his family with the remaining 49 per cent.

Fleming's widow, Ann, took



Lucy Fleming: Bond girl

against Booker and its chairman the late Lord Campbell of Eskan personally and the profits Booker made from the books. She was so virulent in her attacks that Campbell considered suing her for

The original deal was more civilised. Ian Fleming was playing a round of golf with Campbell when he turned to him in mid-swing and asked "Jock, would you like to buy



Readers and writers in this season of the polls

the Saturnalian season", the time at which the unruly voters of Britain could look forward to being rulers for a day. Two hundred years later our computer-driven. party politics may seem often dull and bland; the campaign may seem endless, the campaigners' claims casuist and cautious by turn; but a democratic election remains a great and dangerous thing. It is an opportunity to be swayed by appeals and bribes; but it is also a chance to think ourselves into the minds of those who rule us. This election in particular demands an: imaginative adjustment of mind - and it should get it from us all...

The Saturnalia was a Roman festival of free speech and gambling in which society's roles were reversed; the gentlemen served the servants, the matrons their maids. Everyone knew that at some time the party had to end. But for all sides it was an opportunity to half-be the other. A modern election campaign has many mad Saturnalian aspects. But it too is a time to see decisions from the other side:

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Every voter can think in the coming months how he of she might have dealt with: the events which so bamboozled their leaders. Those who feel themselves forever commanded by political masters can themselves become a kind of master; those who find few opportunities for individual expression can on polling day express themselves in the way that matters most. The vote may be inadequate. The results may be disappointing. The relief from a sense of misrule, whoever wins, may be only temporary. But unless we fully seize our opportunity, we are all unworthy of it.

The task of The Times in this season is to identify those who seem to us to best serve: the broadest interests of Britain, to match most closely the shifting contours of this country. For three years we have watched Messrs Major, Blair and Ashdown struggle with events and each other. We have seen the Labour Party fall under its leader's heel and the Conservative Party come close to collapse over its leader's head. We have witnessed words and actions good and had

from every House of Commons' aisle. In this Saturnalian time we will continue to stand back and describe the acts of our elected rulers. But we must also attempt. a more seasonal act of imagination.

During the coming weeks our team of political reporters will describe what they see: and hear without fayour; that is their training and their best tradition. Our analysts will seek out the coherence and the lack of it in the speeches and policy papers that will daily pour forth. Our columnists and our letter-writers will deliver their own different views; and the opposite page will include a proper range of all

opinion. We promise that no other newspaper will strive so hard for the balance that shows our business at its best. When election day arrives, our readers will be able to look down on their rulers and freely and informedly judge them.

Saturnalian opportunity for all

But the Editor must also use his imagination of what the various alternative governments would be like and which result would be best. How sincere are their members' present promises, how capable are they of carrying out their claims, what will be the impact of victory and what of defeat? There is a tradition that at the end of this crazy season The Times makes its own judgment thas to what individuals and which party should be elected.

It is in our nature to represent regularly no interest, no politician and no party. We consider the description of events for the verdict of our readers as a task of far greater import and responsibility than that of giving our own verdict. But at the season's end we will give a verdict.

To judge by opinion polls, about half our readers will disagree with whatever decision we reach. Those readers should at least know, however, that, unlike many other newspapers, we have not reached our verdict in advance. If The Daily Telegraph does not put its forces behind a Conservative. victory, and if The Guardian and The Independent do not hold open the Downing Street door for Mr Blair, then we will declare black to be white and the Saturnalia in permanent session. Our own judgment awaits the work of the campaign.

What means of judgment should we use? In recent elections we have supported the Conservative Party. We did so with enthusiasm when Margaret Thatcher had both identified what needed to be done for Britain and shown the courage and skill to lead her party into doing it. We supported the Conservatives more reluctantly under John Major when both purpose and prowess were less clear. Today we see a governing party whose claims to be conservative are loud but whose leadership is weak and whose internal coherence is severely wanting. Its credentials for a fifth term in office require testing to the utmost.

We expect little purity of purpose from the manifestos which either Mr Major or Mr

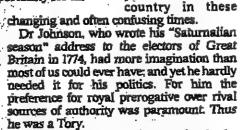
AMUEL JOHNSON called this Blair will present to the country. This is not an election season in which the choice is stark. The Conservatives do not present themselves as radical reducers of the welfare state; a reelected administration would not be ruthlessly determined to lower taxation and spending, still less to demand a fundamental renegotiation of our relations with the European Union. A new Labour government would not make substantial extensions to welfare; it would not raise taxes to previous heights and would not make "more spending" its watchword in action; its policy towards the EU is marked by many of the same evasions that we face from the Conservatives today.

It would be surprising if the details of Mr Major's manifesto did not please us more than that of Mr Blair, Mr Major is likely to be more persuasive in his opposition to Franco-German plans for Europe; Mr Blair leads a party that, from the end of "opt-outs" to the introduction of the "social chapter", is always too trusting of those plans. Mr Blair still has the opportunity to clarify his scepticism towards rapid irrevocable shifts in Britain's relationship with the Continent. His responses on this issue over the coming weeks - and the responses of his senior colleagues - are certain to weigh heavily here. Yet there is always more to being a conservative than claiming the name. Affairs around us are not so universally good that we will automatically endorse the politicians who want the least change.

This country is changing; it has responsibilities to itself, its neighbours and partners in a world which is changing rapidly. We are cautious towards Labour's constitutional ambitions, rather more so on Scottish devolution than on the removal of voting rights from hereditary peers. The test will be whether we judge Labour's plans and planning to be in overall harmony with the country as it is; or whether they are alien imports for insincere ends.

Both main parties share similar patterns of policy-making; they have their leaders, their leaders' offices and advisers, their much-reduced parliamentary and party structures and a growing reliance on using public opinion to control internal dissent. But they are in dif-MARY EVANS

ferent stages of development. Mr Major is a Prime Minister whom we know well; but he heads an illdisciplined, incoherent party which we can scarcely recognise from the one that Lady Inaiche once commanded. Mr Blair would be an unknown prime minister leading a party which, with our longstanding support, he has ruthlessly shaped in his own image. Labour's momentum of change has not yet ceased. The necessary next phase of Conservative change has yet to begin. We will seek to identify the party leader who best matches the temper of this cautious



This term so changed its meaning in the years thereafter that he would hardly have recognised himself in his successors a few decades later, still less so today. When commentators jest that the Labour leader may now be the best Tory we have, they are not blazing any new linguistic path. Tony Blair may yet persuade us and others that he best understands the temper of the country. He or his successors may yet quietly claim the "conservative" title.

ERE DR JOHNSON to return to Britain in 1997, he would have to think again about his Saturnalia. Masters and servants are not what they were. We are all voters, and masters, now. Yet, as in 1774, he would have smelt out the eternal dangers of deceit and cant, berating once again those politicians who "are vehement and clamorous only that they may be sooner hired to be silent". He would have sniffed out the slightest hints of republicanism: "a man may hate his king, yet not love his country". He would have distrusted people of both parties for promising "to endeavour what he knows his endeavours unable to effect". He would have run foul of every modern adviser with his remarks about the factious and inconstant multitude. Now, as then, he would have searched for and praised the "true patriot".

At the very end of it all, he would have been surely enthused - as so many other great Britons of the past would have been enthused - by the possibilities of engaging in this election season. The way ahead is not as clear as he once saw it or as we would like to see it now. All the greater then is the need for the most balanced reporting, the most independent analysis and the most imaginative engagement. And that, with the help of our readers and writers, we will provide to the full extent of our power.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Obfuscation' over Gulf War illness

From the Countess of Mar

Sir, The credit for any success in per-suading the Ministry of Defence to admit to the use of organophosphates in the vicinity of British troops who ser-ved in the Gulf should be attributed not to myself or to Members of Parliament (letters, December 28, January I) but to the determined and persistent members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces, many of whom are very sick, who have thoroughly researched all aspects of the so-called "syndrome" and have ensured that those of us in the Palace of Westminster who have shown an interest are kept informed of all new developments.

The results of the research conducted by doctors at the UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, published in the January 15 edition of The Journal of the American Medical Association, indicate that there is a Gulf War syndrome suffered by some Gulf veterans and that the illness is caused by wartime exposure to combinations of low-level nerve agents and other common chemicals.

It is significant that those who advise the British Government on the illness suffered by both Gulf veterans and farmers who have been exposed to organophosphate sheep dips, of whom I am one, appear not to have considered the fact that what they are faced with is not psychologically induced illness or some manifestation of known illness, but new disease.

There are many factors which are common to both groups. Until there is a thorough clinical evaluation from which a scientific framework of signs and symptoms can be developed, it is unlikely that epidemiological studies will tell us much more than we already know.

To the cynical, the government reliance upon epidemiology is merely a means of delaying the day of reckoning. We should all now be pressing the Government to commission immediately clinical studies on classical lines to enable all those, whether they be farmers or men and women who served in the Gulf, who believe their illness is as a result of exposure to organophosphates in combination with other chemicals to receive a proper diagnosis: for methods of treatment to be devised, and for the victims to be appropriately compensated.

The time for objuscation and procrastination is past.

Yours faithfully, House of Lords. January 14.

Winter swims

From Mr Cyril Wood

Sir, Dr Thomas Stuttaford states (article, January 2) that "Mid-winter Serpentine bathers should either be certain that they are free of heart disease. or leave charity fundraising to oth-

By agreement with the Royal Parks Agency the only people allowed to swim in the Serpentine during the winter months are members of the Serpentine Swimming Club, founded in 1864, which holds races every Saturday morning of the year at 8am.

In my experience no member has ever swum in order to raise money for charity. Our tradition is simply to race

Yours faithfully. CYRIL WOOD (President, Serpentine Swimming Club), 45 Thistledene, Thames Ditton, Surrey. January 8.

Honours due

From Mr George Greenfield

Sir, So Dr Desmond Flower has died (obituary, January 8); a fine publisher and a man of culture. He slipped into retirement over 20 years ago without the knighthood he well deserved. And so in their time have Jonathan Cape. André Deutsch, Robin Denniston. Gordon Graham, Hamish Hamilton. Paul Hodder-Williams, Jock Murray, Paul Scherer and others.

All of them earned the country large amounts of foreign currency through their export sales and spread the image of Britain worldwide.

PR men get the accolade - and better. God bless us - as do pop singers, pop composers and pop lyricists. Why have postwar governments and their honours and awards committees signally failed (with the notable excep-tions of Sir William Collins and Harold Wilson's friend, George Weidenfeld) to honour those distinguished exponents of our home-bred culture, the leading publishers, male and female?

Yours faithfully. GEORGE GREENFIELD. 20 Well Road, Hampstead, NW3. January 8.

Odds even

From Dr John Burscough

Sir, How on earth would one decide whom to cheer for in an altercation involving Max Clifford, Derek Hatton and Robert Kilroy-Silk (report, January 14)?

Yours faithfully JOHN BURSCOUGH, Woodland View. Melton Road, Wrawby, Brigg, North Lincolnshire. January 14.

Quality of privatised rail assessed

From Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport

Sir. The recent discussion of the share prices of privatised rail companies and franchised operators (report and article, January 7) risks obscuring the dramatic success of the Government's policy for the railways, on which I was glad to note the positive comments in your leading article of January 13.

Less than a year after the first passenger franchises passed to private operators, there has already been a significant improvement in quality, coupled with investment commit-ments to raise standards still higher over the coming years. Of the 18 franchises awarded to date, not one is running fewer services than before, and two thirds of them are running more, These operators are also pledged to a major investment programme to re-place and refurbish existing stock, which, we calculate, will involve them spending a billion pounds over ten

increases in key fares are also capped at the rate of inflation for the first three years, and at I per cent below inflation for the four years after that. But perhaps the most remarkable indicator of all is that privatisation is also set to save the taxpayer money. After seven years, the subsidy for the first 18 will be less than one third of what British Rail required before privatisation. That represents extraordinary value for money.

Changes in the share prices of privatised companies, such as the rolling-stock leasing company, Porterbrook, which was sold at the very start of the process, are relevant only to the extent that they reflect growing public and market confidence in the prospects for the railway.

Similarly, the share prices of companies set up to bid for passenger franchises have nothing to do with delivery value for the taxpayer. That has been achieved by seiling franchises in a way that maximises the competition for the right to operate

The above will amply demonstrate to your readers how the Government has succeeded in combining improved value for the taxpayer with guaranteed and continuing improvements in service quality for the rail passenger. This achievement is as remarkable as it will be lasting.

Yours faithfully. GEORGE YOUNG, Department of Transport. Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, SWI. January 13.

From Mr Barry S. Doe Sir, In your leader today, "Going

Family assets

family.

From Mr William T. Hutton

Underground", you say that rail privatisation has proved a "modest but

A chorus line?

Sir, Mr John Redwood (letter, January 9) writes about the advantages of "returning the family silver to the family, to use it better than the State used it. This sounds a fine principle so long as it remains within the family - presumably he means a British

Then how does he reconcile this admirable notion with the sad fact that the family no longer owns any of the car industry to which he refers and that the utilities seem also to be disappearing from the family's reach?

Nor can I see how there will be any silver left to be transferred to Brussels by the time it has been dispersed outside the family. Does this also make one a family-sceptic?

Yours faithfully. W. T. HUTTON, 8 Sutherland Avenue, Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent. January 9.

From Lord Pearson of Rannoch Sir. John Redwood is wrong to suggest that we are giving away our sov-

reignty to "Europe". We are paying our European com-petitors billions a year to take ir. Yours sincerely.

PEARSON of RANNOCH. 52 Minories, EC3. January 10.

Water buffalo

From Mr Derek Headly

Sir, Mr Martin Nicol is wrong in referring to the sladang as a water buffalo (letter, January 13). It is a wild ox, Bos gaurus or the Indian Gaur. The Malayan subspecies is Bos gaurus hubbacus, called "sladang" in Malay. I believe there is still a healthy herd in the Malayan forest. I am sure no sladang has ever been domesticated.

Sladang only charged if wounded. badly frightened or to protect their calves. When they did so, the bull had a take-off from a standing start comparable to a polo pony, despite his very considerable bulk (withers 5ft 6in or 6h). He is one of the noblest and most beautiful big game animals in the world, a true thoroughbred.

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Letters to the Editor should earry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

ly to/from London. Under BR, return fares between London and Edinburgh ranged from £34 to £196; since privatisation they are £29 to £199. Is a mere £5 off one heavily restricted fare what you term a "more flexible fare struc-

Against this must be placed a loss of benefits: the National Routeing Guide now offers passengers less choice; some facilities, such as the allline rover ticket, are totally unadvertised because operators cannot agree how to split the cost; and the world-famous InterCity brand is as good as dead. Most important of all, the cost to the taxpayer has temporarily risen and will only fall if the reduced subsidy levels which op-erators have said they will require

real success" but offer scant evidence.

to-point fares available on the nat-

ional system and franchising has so

far seen a tiny number (about 100)

new ones introduced, and those large-

There are around 40 million point-

turn out to be achievable. The late Robert Adley, MP, was indeed right when he predicted, shortly before his death in 1993, it would be a poll-tax on wheels.

Yours faithfully, BARRY S. DOE (Public transport consultant), 25 Newmorton Road. Moordown, Bournemouth, Dorset. January 13.

From Mr Steve McCombe

Sir, I cannot agree with your leader writer that rail privatisation has proved a modest but real success.

For my journey to and from work in Cardiff the services are run by two separate companies in trains leased from a third company running on tracks owned by a fourth company which are maintained by a fifth, with support services being operated by various other companies.

My complaints are dealt with in a reasonably courteous manner, but it is easy for the operating company to blame one or more of the others for the delays caused to services. I am surprised that moves have not been made to privatise all passengers' complaints as well.

There have been no discernible improvements to services and no changes have been made to the fare structure to generate real competition between the two companies operating on the Bath to Bristol section of my daily journey.

In my view we no longer have a national network or national services.

Yours faithfully, STEVE McCOMBE, 10 Tennyson Road, Lower Weston, Bath, Somerset. January 13.

From Mr Robert Alcock

Sir. Mr Jeremy Baker (letter. January 11) was perhaps still in the party spirit when he suggested dancing on the Greenwich Meridian on New Year's Eve, 1999, so that "for a brief moment, we could have one half of our body in the second millennium and the other half in the third."

The problem is that both sides of the meridian are actually in the same time zone, and to cut Mr Baker's chronological caper you'd have to go quite some distance; the nearest point to the British Isles where you can straddle two time zones on land is the border of Hungary (GMT+1) and Romania (GMT+2) near the town of Szeged, some 1,000 miles from Greenwich as winged time flies.

However, if you made the trip, you would be rewarded with not just a moment, but a whole hour of temporary trans-millennial terpsichore. Go a bit further, to the border of, say, Ukraine (GMT+3) with Hungary, and you could be between millennia for two hours. Forget the conga; you could put on an entire ballet, though rather awkwardly the performers would all have to remain in a straight line. Perhaps the Millennium Fund should commission a piece specially.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT ALCOCK. 18 Portland Place, Learnington Spa, Warwickshire.

I do not think that there were ever

any wild water buffalo in Malaya.

Those used by east-coast Malay far-

mers were all draught animals. The

Wild Cape buffaloes are indigenous in

South Africa - and I believe, truly

All buffaloes spend much of the day

in stinking mud wallows. The sladang

would never ever go near a wallow.

(Malayan Civil Service, 1931-57).

Goosenford, Cheddon Fitzpaine.

Sir, The military training value of im-

ported water buffalo is likely to fall

short of Mr Martin Nicol's expections.

since the buffalo (Bubalus bubalis) is

called "kerbau" in Malay, a word

which, if applied to a person, suggests

child but uncertain of temper if ap-

The Italian breeds should adapt bet-

Yours sincerely.

Taunton, Somerset.

From Mr Terence Parsons

that he is a clumsy oaf.

proached by a European.

D. HEADLY

January 13.

Human cost of landmine legacy

From Professor Emeritus George Murdoch

Sir. While landmines do kill (reports. January 14, 15) they are designed pri-marily to main. Some destroy the sexual organs as well as the legs.

The effect of their use is the maining of more than a million persons worldwide, a number that is increasing by the day. Huge tracts of land are mined and cannot be farmed, with harsh economic results. The removal of each landmine requires painstaking effort and is costly and time consuming. The surgery requires skill and an understanding of the limb replacement, the prosthesis. The pros-thetist (limb fitter) requires a minimum of 20 months' training (four years in the United Kingdom). Each amputee requires continuing lifetime care. The educational, human and financial resource required is clearly co-

I believe it is our duty to persuade the Government to pursue a policy of a total ban on landmines and to do what it can to stop America, Russia, China, South Korea and I suspect others making and exporting these obscene devices.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE MURDOCH (President, the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, 1977-80). Middle Church, Flat C. 6 Tay Street. Perth. January 15.

Fenced commons

From Professor Jay Appleton

Sir, Jill Parkin gives a fair account of the rival interests of the opposing lobbies in the fencing of heath commons (Weekend, January 11). If it were simply butterflies and beetles versus landscape we should be able to choose sides according to our own priorities. The landscape lobby, however, has a real problem, because either policy, fencing or not fencing, will have visual implications.

The intrusion of a fence in landscape such as Stedham Common, Sussex, which you illustrate, really is visually damaging. Some 300 years ago our ancestors invented a technique for dealing with such impediment hazard, as I have termed it. It was the ha-ha, or sunken fence.

I do not suggest that the ha-ha is the solution for our present problem, but our ancestors would not have been prepared to go to the great expense of constructing such things if they had not been aware of the importance of retaining an impression, however illusory, of uninterrupted open space.

Yours faithfully, JAY APPLETON (author, The Experience of Landscape). 39 Hull Road. Cottingham, East Yorkshire. January 12

Retreat from Kabul

From Mrs Lesley Wynne-Davies

Sir, Dr William Brydon was not the only survivor of the retreat from Kabul in 1842 (report, January 14). For the last five years the Friends of the Public Record Office have been indexing documents of British soldiers discharged before 1854. In the course of this one of our volunteers, Mr A. W.

Elliott. came upon the papers of John

Marshall, who served in the 44th Regiment of Foot from 1838 to 1843. His medical report on discharge, signed by J. Robertson, MD, surgeon of the 13th Regiment, reads: On the retreat of the Army from Cabool re-ceived a Gunshot wound in the wrist at the Khoord Cabul pass and in the harrier at the Jugdullock pass was wounded and stript and left exposed to the severe cold which was followed by sphacelus of a portion of the right foot and the loss of the toes of the

left, by which he is rendered unfit for the duties of a soldier. Not only did Marshall survive the retreat from Kabul, he also put in a claim for his back pay and clothing.

Yours faithfully. LESLEY WYNNE-DAVIES (Volunteers' Co-ordinator, Friends of the Public Record Office), Public Record Office. Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Surrey. January 14.

ter to our recent weather, but I have

higher hopes of their cheese than of

their meat, judging by my memories

of the gastronomic qualities of their Malayan cousins. Yours etc. TERENCE PARSONS, 31a Herringston Road,

From Mr Peter Bayley

Dorchester, Dorset.

January 13.

Sir, Before everyone gets too excited about the idea of farming water buffalo - endearing beasts - let it be said that no soldier who served in the Far East during the war will have any but the most dejected reaction to the idea. And I don't think it was army cooking that was driefly responsible for those greyish, tough, intractable substances that only the brown kites. which snatched them from our tin plates as we carried them from the

cooking-fires, seemed to like. The domesticated kerbau was found in every Malay village, often Yours sincerely, docile under the control of a small P. C. BAYLEY, 63 Oxford Street. Woodstock, Oxford, January 13.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 16: The Princess Royal today visited Manchester and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester

(Colonel John Timmins). Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Victims Support Schemes, this morning opened the new Witness Suite at

Manchester Crown Court. The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers. later attended a Fund-raising Lun-cheon given by the High Master of Manchester Grammar School. Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon visited the Fund's Shoo at 5 School Lane, Didsbury.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of The Home Farm Trust, will visit schemes at Old Quarries, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, at 10.30 and Frocester Manor, Stonehouse at 12.40. She will visit the Stonehouse Community Centre, Laburnum Walk, Stonehouse, at 11.40: as Patron of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will open the Cheltenham bureau at 14 Royal Crescent at 2.10. Later, she will attend an evening at The Roses Theatre to mark its 21st birthday at Sun Street, Tewkes-bury, at 7.25.

Memorial service

Mr Alan Beresford Cook A memorial service for Mr Alan Beresford Cook, Assistant Master Housemaster and Surmaster of St Paul's School 1929-1964, was held yesterday in the school chapel. The Rev A.H. Mead, Chaplain Emer-itus, officiated and the Rev S.E.

Mr R.S. Baldock, High Master, and Mr Basil Moss, Old Pauline Club, read the lessons, Mr John Allport, Old Pauline Club, gave an

Mr C.J. Cook, Mr R.B. Cook, Mr J.L. Cook, Mrs M. Ravenscroft: Lord McColl of Dulwich, Mr Kenneth Baker, CH, MP, Sir Keith Ross, Sir Anthony Grant, MP, Mr. R P Withers Green (representing the governors of the school), many other former colleagues, pupils and friends were among those

Woolmen's Company

The following have been elected officers of the Woolmen's Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Rex S. Johnson: Upper Warden, Mr Paul H. Rippon: Under Warden, Mr Peter F. Valpy.

Luncheon

HM Government Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lan-caster House to bid farewell to Mr

Birthdays today

Mr Muhammad Ali, boxer, 55; Sir Mr Muhammad Ali, boxer, 55: Sir William Benyon, farmer, 67; Sir John Boyd, Master, Churchill College, Cambridge, bl; Sir Malcolm Chaplin, chartered surveyor, 63; Sir Michael Clapham, former chairman, 1MI, 85: Sir Mervyn Davies, former High Court judge, 79: Sir Edward Fennessy, radar pioneer, 85: Mrs Monica Purlong, writer, 67: Mr Neil W. Gamble. writer, 67; Mr Neil W. Gamble, Headmaster, Exeter School, 54; Mr Paul Howell, former MEP, 46; Mr James Earl Jones, actor, 66; Mr Anthony Kenney, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 55; the Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Wakefield, 55; Mr Ken Minton, chairman, John Mowlem and Company, 60: Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP, 61: Professor W.B. Robertson, MP, 01; Professor W. D. Robertson, histo-pathologist. 74; Mr Vidal Sassoon, hair stylist. 69; Miss Moira Shearer, hallerina. 71; Mr Denis Tunnicliffe, managing director, London Underground, 54: Sir Clyde Walcott, KA, cricketer, 7l: Dr Gillian Weir, organist, 56; Mr Paul Young, singer, 4l.

Service dinner

HMS Victory Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a working dinner held onboard HMS Victory in Portsmouth last night. Admiral Sir Michael Boyce.

Second Sea Lord and Commanderin-Chief Naval Home Command. presided. Among others present were:
The President of Poland, the American
Secretary of Defence, the Danish
Minister of Defence, the Chairman of
the Nato Milliary Committee, the
Supreme Aliest Commander Europe,
the Chief of the Defence Staff for the
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Rannoch School, Perthshire |

The Governors of Rannoch School announce the appointment of Dr John Holliday, at present Director of the Middle School at Sedbergh School. Cumbria. as Headmaster from September 1, 1997, on the retirement of Mr Michael Barratt.

Appointment

Mr David Lloyd to be Ambassador to Slovenia from next month in succession to Mr Gordon Johnston who is



Billy J. Kramer and Gerry Marsden, right, standing by a statue of John Lennon and the Cavern Wall of Fame

Cavern Club sweats it out for 40 years

BY RUSSILL JENKINS

WHEN the trad jazz musicians met the Merseybeat rock'n'rollers yesterday to celebrate the Liverpool Cavern Club's 40th birthday, it was the sweat they remembered most of all — buckets of it.

Towards the end of particularly successful nights, condensation would flow down the bare brick walls of the Mathew Street cellar in rivulets. Office girls who popped in to see their mop-top heroes preferred to dance around their handbags rather than lean against the walls.

In those days John, Paul, Ringo and George shared the tiny stage with Cilla Black, Billy J. Kramer and the Dakotas and Gerry and the Pacemakers. Yesterday the bands were different - with names like Up and Running. Status Quid and The Klubs but the sweat remains the

same. Gerry Marsden and Billy J. Kramer, flown in from New York for the occasion, turned up to unveil the commemorative Cavern Wall of Fame, a wall of 1,101 bricks each carrying the name of a band who had appeared live in the

club. It puts Freddie and the Dreamers alongside the Rolling Stones and other rock

luminaries like Eric Clapton. The crowd blocking the dingy alleyway, many of them Merseybeat veterans with straggly locks hanging down from bald pates, were entertained by the original members of the Merseysippi Jazz Band, one of three trad jazz bands who played at the club's opening right. Gerry Marsden, leader of

the Pacemakers, paid his own tribute to the club that spawned the Beatles. The Cavern was a dirty, horrible, smelly little cellar that stank of sweat and Dettol but it was a second home to us. Who would have thought all those years ago the Cavern would become the most famous club

in the world." George Meily, the jazz singer, recalled his Sunday night gigs in the late 1950s. A little known band led by John Lennon and Paul McCartney once filled in during his break. He missed them in his rush to get to the Grapes public house opposite. "John, of course, hated trad

Back to the Sixties: The Beatles on stage at the Cavern

in the days when even the walls perspired jazz," said Mr Melly, who was wearing a purple suit. "I once asked him why and be said 'Because it got in my way.' I suppose it did but only

for a few seconds." None of the surviving Beaties turned up. However, John Lennon lookalike Gary Gibson, swanned around giving television interviews in a sal twang. Billy J Kramer. his quiff now hanging in a limp dyed fringe, was handing out his own publici-

ty material. John Lennon was a mate.

great guy. I once told him that he was playing a cool guitar. He said 'Here you can play it

if you want." The Cavern is at the centre of an attempt to market Liverpool for tourism. A statue of John Lennon was unveiled in Mathew Street

yesterday. Cavern City Tours, owners of the Cavern, aim to open a Beatler theme botel on the corner of the street called Hard Day's Night. Costing up to £4 million it is planned to open in time for the he remembers. "He was a Cavern's millennium party."

marriages Mr D.M. Hedger

Forthcoming

Mr J.S. Curtis and Miss L.K. Belton The engagement is announced between James, second son of Mr and Mrs Sam Curtis, of Bowdon Cheshire, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Belton, of Hale, Cheshire.

HOWARD BARLOW

Mr M.A. Frears and Miss L.M. Donald The engagement is announced between Michael Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Clarke Frears, of North Bersted, West Sussex, and Lesley Margaret, youngest daughter of Mrs Jane Donald and the late Mr Anthony Donald, of Milngavie, Glasgow.

Mr H.A.T. Gell and Mevrouw A.A. Bargpeter The engagement is announced between Hugo, son of Major Anthony Gell, of Enville, Worcestershire, and Mrs David Johnson, of Chartley, Stafford-shire, and Alida, daughter of De Heer and Mevrouw Christiaan Bargpeter of The Hague, Holland Mr N.G. Henton and Miss S.C. Moussey

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Mrs Eric Heaton and the late the Rev Dr Eric Heaton, of Elsfield, Oxford, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr Simon Mounsey and the late Mrs Simon Mounsey, of Piltdown, East Sussex. Mr M.A. Pasterneck and Miss K.A. Hodgeton

The engagement is announced between Marc Andrew, son of Mrs Gisela Pasternack and the late Mr Howard Pasternack of East Sheen, London, and Katie Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hodgeton, of Willingdon, East Sussex

Mr A.M. Ross
and Miss C.A. Same
The engagement is announced between Atticus Manthew, eldert son of lan and Bunty Ross, of Kelfield Gardens, West London and Claudia Aviva, daughter of Michael Sarue, of Notting Hill Gate, West London, and Tania Gordon, of St Helen's Gardens, West London.

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs George Hedger, of Fleet Hampshire, and Louise, daughter of Dr and Mrs Andrew Fawcett, of Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire.

Herr B. Hube and Miss H. Page
The engagement is announced between Björn, son of Herr and Frau Hube. of Hanover. Germany, and Helen, elder, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Page, of Gayton, Wirral.

Dr M. Johannes and Miss N. Richards The engagement is announced between Maurice, son of Mr and Mrs Andre Johannes, of Eating London, and Naomi, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Richards, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr R.H. Levy and Miss L.H. Papps The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Lionel Levy, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, and Laura, daugi-ter of Mr and Mrs Alaszair Pappa, of Alawick, Northumberland.

Mr W.J. Shaw and Dr L.A. Brooks The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs Iain Shaw of Blacklunans, Perthshire, and Louise, daughter of Professor and Mrs Frank Brooks, of Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr & I Thomas and Miss S.D. Orchard The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs J.C. Thomas, of Cradley, Malvern, Worcestershire, and Sopine, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.L. Orchard, of Great Malvern,

Worcestershire. .Mr P.D. Turner and Miss H.L. Dresner The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Hertfordshire, and Helene, daughter of the late Joseph Dresner and of Mrs Dresner, of London, NWIL

Church news

Next Dean of Bristol The Rev Robert Grimley, Vicar, St George, Edghaston, diocse of Birmingham, is to be Dean of Bristol, succeeding the Very Rev Wesley Carr, on his appointment as Dean of Westmin

The Rev Jonstham Ball: to be Chaplain to Princess of Wales Royal Regiment, and have permission to officiale in the discase of

mission to buche in the dicese of Camberbury.

The Rev Jon Bell, Priest-in-charge, Durham St Cuthbert and Rural Dean of Durham to be Vicar, Durham St Cuthbert and remain Lornam St Cuthbert and remain Roral Dean of Durham (Durham), The Rev Psul Butler, Prestri-charge, St Mary w St Skripten, Walthamstow to be also Priest-in-charge, St Gabriel, Walthamstow (Chelmsford).

(Cheimsford). The Rev David Robinson, Priest-in-charge, Ingrow cum Hainworth (Bradford): to be Vicar, Bramhope

The Rev Kelvin Shilvock, Assistant Curate, Kidderminster St John and Holy Innocents: to be Team Team Ministry with special responsibility for Birchen Copplee

St Peter (Worcester). The Rev Harry Stratton, Vicar, Runcom Holy Trinity: to be Vicar, Lostock Gralam (Chester). The Rev Adrian Sullivan, Priest-Incharge, The Marden Hill Group: to be also Rural Dean of Boling-

broke (Lincoln).
The Rev David Taylor, Assistant
Curate, Cheadle Hulme All Saints: to be Vicer, Macclesfield St John

(Chester). The Rev Diane Watson, Assistant

The Rev Pauline Thompson, Assistant Curate, Allestree St Edmund: to be Priest-in-charge, Hartington, Biggin and Earl Steradale (Derby). The Rev Stanley Walker, Vicar, Seacombe: to be Chaplain, Chesh-

ire County Cadet Force and Assistant - Curate, Lache-cum-Saltney

(Chester).
The Rev David Weir, Assistant
Curate, West Leigh St Alben and
Warren Park St Clare: to be Assistant Curate West Leigh -St Alben (Porstmouth). ious and retire

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Tae Rev Andrew Burnet, Vitar, Bicker and Wignet (Lincoln): to retire January 3L 1997.
The Rev Robert (Jim) Gyton, Priest-in-charge, Castle Acre w. Newton, Rougham and Southacre. (Norwich): to retire January 31,

Canon John Herklots, Vicar, of All Saints (Fortamouth): The Rev Roy Kingston, Priest-in-charge, Hambledon SS Peter and Paul (Portsmooth): to retire April

The Rev Paul Masterton, Vicar, Helpringham w Hale (Lincoln): to retire March 31, 1997.

The Rev Raymond Patston, Vicar, Old Clee Holy Trinity and St Mary the Virgin (Lincoln): to retire January 31, 1997. Canon Brian Pearmain, Rector, Scartho St Giles (Lincoln): to retire

Abril 30, 1997. The Rev. John Pollard, Vicus. Maidenhead St Peter (Oxford): to The Rev William Williams, Vicar,

Hemsby and Priest-in-charge. Winterton w Rast and West Somerton and Horsey (Norwich): retired December I, 1996.

Dinners

Gian Enzhu, Ambassador of

Guild of Freemen of the City

Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan, Master of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London, accompaby Lady Buchanan, presided at a Scottish dinner held last night at the Caledonian Club. Mr Colin Buchanan, chairman of the club. and Mr Alex Wilson, vice-presi-

dent, also spoke. Marketors' Company Mr David G. Thomas, Master of the Marketors' Company, pre-sided at the installation dinner The Earl of Stockton and Dr Roger

A. Hood, Senior Warden, also in the intensive diploma course and to Miss Penelope Kershaw for the best performance in the di-ploma course of the Chartered and Builders Merchants' Com-panies and the Commanding Of-ficer of the 16i (Greater London)

Latest wills

Ernest Beaumont Cottam, of Guildford, Surrey, left £1,271,566

Myrtle Georgina Hardman, of Pangbourne, Reading, Berkshire, left E1,322,467 net.

Seaford, Eas El,078,790 net. Mildred Clara Culley, of London

HALCROW Margaret
Penelope June (née Wollace)
ded 13th January 1997 at
John Radeliffe Hospital,
Oxford Sodly missed by her
children Michael Baleron

children Wichsel Balerow and Penny Wyrd. Funeral Service to take place on Friday January 24th at St Mary Magdalen Church, Oxford at 1 pm followed by cremation. Provens to AW. Bruce, 29 Rogers Street, Oxford, OXZ 755.

Thompson, darling husband of Estelle, on January 16th, in his ninety second year at the Paddocks Hospital, Princes Risborough, Much loved father of Penelope, Vivian, Christine, Dorothy, John and Mardaret.

Vivian, Christine, Dorothy, John and Margaret, grandfather of 16, great-grandfather of 21, Pussell at St Mary's Church, Weston Turville on Wednesday 22nd January at 12:30 pm. There will be a private cremation on Thunday, Family Gowess only donations in memoriam to the NSPCC. Enquiries to EV. Green, 29 Cambridge Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. BP20 1RP, tel: (01296) 82041.

HAYWARD - Henry Ernest Stafford, on January 13th aged 90. Dear husband of Jean. Service at Galidford Crematorium on Thursday January 23rd at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to RASC & RCT Benswolent Fund of James & Thomas Ltd. F/D, 45 East Lane, West Horsley, Surrey KT24 6HQ.

Monosion - Lote Ma. Alls. C.H.a.
Died at home in Oxford on
Wednesday 15th January
1997. Funeral at St John's
Chapel, Oxford Crematorhum
on Friday 24th January at
2.30 pm. No flowers please,
dometican if desired to Maria
Curie Numes e/o Reeves &
Pala, 288 Abiagdon Road,
Oxford, OX1 4TE.

January, after a sudden liness. Widow of Harry and former Headmistress of Fairiop Girls' School. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Chigwell at 11 am on January 24th Enquiries to (01462) 459360.

BIRTHS: Leonard Fuchs, physician and botanist. Wembdingen. Germany, 1501; Pedro Calderón de la Berca, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1600; Thomas Pairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax of Cameron,

Anniversaries Black Noticy, Essex, 1705; Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th American President 1877-81, Fremont, Ohlo.

Co Waterford, 1811; August Weis-mann, geneticist, Frankfurt am Main, 1834; David Lloyd George, ist Earl Lloyd George of Dwylor, Prime Minister 1916-22, Manchester, 1863; Konstantin Stanislavsky, co-founder of the Moscow Art Theatre, Moscow, 1863; David Beatty, 1st Earl Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet, Nantwich, Cheshire, 1871; Mack Sennett, film producer and creator of the Keyproducer and creator of the Rey-stone Cops, Richmond, Quebec, 1880; Sir Compton Mackenzie, novelist, West Hardepool, 1883; Ronald Firbank, novelist, London,

Haslemere, Surrey, 1911; T.H. White, novelist, Piraeus, Greece, 1964 Cantain Cook's Resolution crosses the Antarctic Circle, the first ship to do so, 1773. The BBC introduced breakfast

1893; Charles Marie de Lisie, poet,

Paris, 1894; Frederic William My

ers, poet and co-founder of the

Society of Psychical Research, Rome, 1901; Sir Francis Galton,

explorer and anthropologis

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BIRTHS

CHRISTODOULIDES - OF January 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Zela (Mouskas) and Andreas, a beautiful see Wannie

PAUNE SEAULIEU - On Euroney

FINCHAM - On 9th Januar 1997 at 5t Mary's Puddington, to Clare (née Lewthwaite) and Peter, a son, Arthur Fellx William.

GALLER - On January 14th, to Louise (nee Robinson) and Milo, a beautiful daughter, franter Ross. GLYNN - On january 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Lisa (née Bellow) and Richard, a son, Ethan Leo.

HAYES - On January 15th, to

HOLMAN-JAPPD - Co January 14th, to Polly and Richard, a son, Augus John, a little LEWIS - On Thursday Januar 9th 1997, at Alchi Medica

MOGILMER - On January 13th Karen and Raymond, a beautiful daughter, Lucy, a

PFEIFFER - On January 9th TEIFFER - On January 9th 1997 at The Portland Hospital, to Marion (Womersley) and Jean-Plarre, a son, Jonathan Marc, a brother for Christopher

BHIGTT - On 12th January at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, John Anthony Elilott. Memorial Service at Holy Family Church, Welwyn Garden City, on Friday 24th January at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Denations for The British

january at z pm. ramily flowers only please. Donations for The British Lung Foundation may be sent c/o Geo. W. Blow & Sons, Church Street, Welwyn, tel: (0)438) 114604.

GAMDY - On january 2nd after a short iliness, Barbara Winifred Gandy of Brockenhurst, Hampshire, aged 90 years, Private Cremation All enquiries to J. Beavis & Sons 01703 -772120.

GORNER - Frank C.B.E. died peacofully on 14th January at Stepping Bill Hospital after a boart illness. Belowed father to Eate and spandfather to Eate and spandfather to Ben and Meg. Will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Commette at 10.30 Thursday 23rd January at Manchester Crematorium (Old Chapel). No flowers. Any donations to Didsbury Rotary Club c/o Treasurer, 25 Movville Road, Checton M21 UUC.

GOWLAND - Peter John on 13th January 1997, retired Manager National Westminster Bank Paddington Station Branch

westminster Bank Faddington Station Branch. Funeral Service at Emmanuel Church, Stilleticay, at 1 pm Tuesday 21st January, Donations, if desired, to Hamelin Trust.

SRIFFIN - Phyllis of Chinnin

GRIFFE - Phyllis of Chipping Campden. Peacetuly at the Charlton Lane Centre, Cheltenham on January 13th, 1997. Dearly loved wife of Prank, dear mother of Carol, Amanda and Roger. Fearcal Service at St James' Chunch, Chipping Campden on Wednesday, January 22nd at 3 pm. Floral Industre to Philip Tomlins Ltd., 36, The Leys, Evenham, Worce. WR11 5AP.

During the evening the Master presented awards to Mr Roelof Immer for the best performance Institute of Marketing. The Mas-ters of the Fletchers', Solicitors' Support Regiment, RLC, were

BANVILLE - Riles Nota ('Elena') of Winford, formerly of Letchworth and Hove, on 14th January aged

88. Private cremation. No flowers please but any innertions to the Fackboun's Disease. Society clo Heckford Norton Solichtors, 29 High Street, Stevenson, SGI 3BU. And may there be no sadness of farewell when I ambant.

DONO CHE SWITH - OR Morelay 13th january suddenly at home in Heiston, Cornwall, Roger Allan. Adored husband of Edith, much howed brother of Shella, Guy and Ann, hrother-fin-law of Jim, uncle of Suvan, Patrick and Michael. Formerly Solicitor in Kampala, Piraeus and Kuwalt and also Roman Numismatist. Funeral

Numismatist. Funera Service at St Michael': Church, Helston, or Saturday 18th January a 10.30 am, followed by

cremation. Further enquiries to J.C. Williams & Sons F/D, tel: (01326) 572358. Family

BUCKLAND - Ursula (Powys), peacefully at St Raphaels N/H. Danehill, Sr. Funeral Service at St Raphaels, on

Tuesday January 21st at 11.30 am. Enquiries to RA. Brooks & Son, tel: (01444) 454391.

CONLON - Reginald Thomas, on 9th January, aged 75, pascefully at home. Much lowed husband of Kathy and father of Michael and

Rebecca. Funeral Service a St Mary's Church, Clophill Bedfortshire at 1.30 nm or

Bedfordshire at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 21st January All enquiries to Nevilles of Amphili (01525) 406132

DI BOIS - John of Arundel, died on January 11th aged 75 years. After a short illnors. Dearly loved and deeply missed by family and friends. Enquiries to Kevin Rolland Funeral Service, (01243) 868630.

FAIR - On lanuary 15th at home, Sir Roger Falk OBE aged 86. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist, Little Mariow, Bucks. on Thunday, 23rd January, midday. No Rowers, Donations to Trinity Hospice, Clapham. A Mamorial Service to be held

INCHPOND-CHOTH - On Mar

He left his bird recordings to the

Evelyn May Quigley, Hove, East Sussex, left £1,128,661 net. She left £2,500 to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and to the British Heart Foundation. Clifford Daniel King Lewis, of Seaford, East Sussex, left

SW3, left £1,063,985 net. Lillias Riddell Graham **Hogarth**, of Cardiff, left £998,941 net

parliamentary commander in the Civil War. Denton, Yorkshire, 1612: Benjamin Franklin, states-man, scientist and printer. Boston, Massachusetts, 1706; George Lyttleton, ist Baron Lyttleton, Hagley, Worcestershire. 1709; Vinorio Alfieri, poet, Piedmont. Italy, 1749; Sir James Hall, geolo-gist, Dunglass, Lothian, 1761; Charles Kean, actor, Waterford,

HUGHES - Major (ret'd)
Edward Patrick, late of the
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his family, but after an
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Mary, on Jamuary 14th 1997,
peacefully at home. Beloved
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mother of David, Stephen
and Martin, Funeral Service
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KAMHESKA On F-Iday

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KAMIESKA - On Friday January 10th 1997, Freda Cambridge, Cambridge, passed peacefully to rest at \$1 Andrew's Care Centre, Bornsham, Camindge, aged 80 years. Funeral at 10 am on Tuesday January 28th 1997 in the West Chapel at Cambridge City Createment. All engulies to Co-operative Funeral Services, 34 James Street, Cambridge, tel: (01223) 357046.

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Richard, elizart daughter of Richard, elizart daughter of Colonel Churies (Raoul) and Doroen Coombes, Much loved and missed by family and friends, died peacetuily on January 14th after a chort illness aged 49 at The Royal Marsden Hospital. There will be a private funeral service herr week. Family flowers only. Donations, to The Orthopaedic Fund for Oldchurch Hospital (Registered Charity) to be

Oldchurch Hospital
(Registered Charity) to be
sent to Mr King, Secretary,
Oldchurch Hospital,
Romford, Essex RM7 OBE A
Requiem Memorial Service
will be held at the Brompton

Oratory, SW7, on 28th February at 11 am.

MARGUET - (née Stephens)
Barbara Helen, pescafully
on january 16th in her 91st
year at her home in Spain.
During 51 years the devoted
wife of the late Eugene
Maurice ("Netly"), sister of
the late Holly Stephens,
hother of the late and
Stephense Mande

Stephanie Mead, grandmother of Saily, Philippa, Sue and Liz and drast-

great parameters.

MAY - The Right Hon Str John,
retired Lord Justice of
Appeal on 15th January
1997 following a heart
attack. Belowed husband,
father and grantfather.

Service in London to be

announced.

SRILER - The Errected John
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January 24th at 2 pm. A

at Chemic Chemic, Wanasten Boad, Guildford on Friday, January 24th at 2 pm. A Thanksgiving Service and Deposition of Askes at St. User's Church, Hart Breet, London ECS on Tuesday February 18th at 1230 pm. All enquiries to Robert Aving Functal Services, tal (01483) 567532.

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Lt. Col. late EA peacefully
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DEATHS: John Ray, naturalist,

PERSONAL COLUMN RAMSEY - On 14th January, peacefully asleep, at the Irwiya Bospial, Cambridge, Margaret (Margaretta) (nois McKay), widow of Ian, has Bishop of Durham, much loosed mother of Foul and Vivian.

house nother of Paul and Vivieu, and a dear grandmother. Funeral at Trumpington Parish Counch at 12.30 pm on Friday 24th January 1997. Family Howest with Dualitams, if desired, to the British Red Cross Facility.

RUMALSHAH - On January 11th 1997 passed away peacefully The Venerable Inayat, former Archdsseon of Karachi and father of Bishop Mann Rumalshah Funsai Service at R. Macky Church, Bourne End, Backs on Saturier 18th Inapper

ADDFURY - Florance (as-Baltusers) on 9th january, peacefully aged 98. Very darry level mediar, deveted grandmother and great-grandmother. The funeral took place in Hull on 12th

Dr. Lewis Shearer. Died peacefully at Beauchamp House N.H. on 13th January 1997. No flowers. Donations to Harck. Franch Teather Dean Crematorium 24th humary 1997 2 20 pm. ary 1997 2.30 pm.

headened of Sta, dear father of Cella and Cilve and a proud syndiather. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving on Priday 24th January at St Catherine's Church, Netherhampion at 2pm. No flowers or mourning. Donations if wished to Parkinsons Disease Society or Pitton. Ward Staff Fund c/o LN. Newman Ltd., F.D., Griffin House, 55 Winchester, Stoet, Salisbury, Withshire SPI 1HL. SPI 1HL.

OGDEN - Shella Edith Julia on
Friday 10th January died
peacefully after a long
illness. Afunsual service will
be held at St Many's, Bourne
Street. London SWI at
11.30am Thursday 23rd
January. Flowers to J.H.
Kanyan Ltd., 74 Rochester
Bow, London SWIP 1JO.

SMITH - Florence Gray on - January 13th 1997 suddenly at home. Widow of Sydney and mother of Larua, Francia Escribe at Benfill Comment, Turkey Road, on 24th January at 12 noon. Flowers or donations to initial light Foundation of Munnery, Devundative Head, Berkill, (01424) 730418.

HAYMEN - Job (Capt. M.J. on 12th January in Oregon, USA, aged 97, after a loog illness bome with counse. Missed by family and friends. Counselos in USA Internati at Ashington Church, Esser later in the year.

VARSHLY - Edwin Thomas of Tring, 1907-1997. Desply loved stepfather of Charles Anderson, broken-hearted father of Captain Owen Varney. Service in Tring Church 11.30 am 28th January. Flowers or donations if desired for Tring Parish Church

FINER - John Michael on 14th January peacefully but WEINER - John Michael on 14th January peacefully but suddenly, Loving husband of Shella; dear father to Mark, Ricola and Enwas; and grandfather to Emfly, Calot and Given. He will be greatly missed by family and friends, Punezal Service in Monday 27th January at 1pm at St Leonards Church, St Leonards, hear Tring, Flowers and enquiries to I. Metcalfe, 18th High Street, Tring, Hertz, HF23 5th, teh (01442) 822804.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

COMFORT - Trudy 17th January 1995 in ever loving manage form and Michael and the family.

aged five years, of Remarch, in leving memory of jason, darling youngest son of Maureen Kally Oven and Dale Owen, brother of justin and julian and granton of the late Charles and Evelyn Kally. Died tragically, after six weeks in Cardiff Royal infinishry on jamuary 17th 1984 from Haemolytic Unstant Syndrome (HIJS.), a sudden but cruel filmers, courageously endured. Akthough so very ill, in the Infirmary jason said 'I like to be nice to people.' So very deeply missed by his family

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HARTICAN - David. Mrs. Muris Hartigan and Randly wish to express their stucers graticale to everyone for their comforting support and many kind appearance of sympathy received during their tragic lose. Special thanks to all who arranged and took part in the beautiful service of thanks fright for David's life ROCHE - Nugal's husband Raymond and family wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathiced with them on their recent sad loss. Hose who strended the removal, Mass and innersh, those who sutended the removal, Mass and interest thouses had letters of sympathy. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we trust this acknowledgement will be accepted as a tolom of our appreciation.

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SIR PETER TENNANT

Sir Peter Tennant, CMG, OBE. diplemat and industrial spokesman, died on December 22 aged 86. He was born on November 29, 1910.

n the chaotic study of his home in Haslemere, Peter Tennant was, antil shortly before death, busy trying to have a better wheelchair designed for the National Health Service, translating and editing the letters of Countess Amelie Posse (Jan Masaryk's secretary and friend) and maintaining a vigorous corres-pondence, to say nothing of advising a think-tank in Oxford. None of this would have surprised his many friends - who would also agree about his ready wit, gifts as a raconteur and

Brought up in his earliest years as a son of the Raj in India, Termant was, according to the custom of the time. sent home to England when he was only four. When, years later, he returned to

Bombay and went to look for the housethat had been the family home he found it hard to recognise. But then already in his sixties and a tall, heavilybuilt man - he suddenly realised that his perspective had changed with the years. Without an ounce of selfconsciousness he simply crouched on all fours and crawled along the pavement for a better look.

Peter Frank Dalrymple Tennant was educated at Marlborough whence he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he became the senior modern languages scholar in 1929. He took a first in the Modern Languages Tripos in 1931. Mastering French and German, he sought something more testing. He turned to the origins of the Germanic languages: He won scholar-ships to Oslo, Copenhagen and Stockholm universities. From 1934 to 1939 he taught Scandinavian languages at Cambridge, where he became a Fellow.

of Queens' College.

As war approached, he was recruited into the Special Operations Executive. and soirées, and brought numbers of initially involved with code-breaking at Bletchley, he moved from deciphering to propaganda. With a Swedish wife and familiar with Scandinavian



British consulate. The house he lived in had belonged to ingrid Bergman. . Finding he could get to work from it by water, Tennant bought a cance. But the Swedish authorities forbade him to use it because his route passed what they regarded as a militarily sensitive area. In an attempt to circumnavigate the ban, Tennant attached CD plates to his

Among his tasks in neutral Sweden was to tell the British story: to persuade people that, in the end, Britain would win the war. He published his own newspaper, arranged talks, seminars prominent British writers to Sweden, T. S. Eliot among them. Behind that diplomatic front he had

other, more vital work. He developed a life and languages, he was posted to network of secret contacts in various Stockholm as the press attache in the fields, recruited an informant inside

As soon as Paris was liberated. Tennant moved from Stockholm to become counsellor for information at the embassy there. Duff Cooper was his ambassador. Tennant, still ostensibly concerned with the press and other media, quickly realised that for years the French public had suffered too rich a diet of German or German-approved films. He arranged to introduce Allied films into French cinemas. But these could not just be put on without a charge. That would be unfair to those cinemas not given the opportunity to show them. Nevertheless, the scheme flourished.

Money started pouring into the British Embassy. The Foreign Office in London was horrified. Tennant was temporarily suspended. But all ended well. The money was used to buy the building next door, now the consulate. Tennant never passed it, he said later, without patting the wall.

In 1950 he was posted to Berlin as deputy commandant of the British Sector. One outcome was the Wilton Park conference, held each year so that British and German politicians could meet each other.

In 1952 he resigned from the Foreign Office and became overseas director of the Federation of British Industries. In 1963 he was promoted to become its deputy-director general and had hopes of becoming its director-general hopes that were dashed by its merger with the British Employers Federation to form the CBI.

For six years, 1965-71, he was director-general of the British National Export Council. He was knighted in 1972; he had been appointed OBE in 1945 and CMG in 1958. He subsequenty served as president and chairman of the London Chamber of Commerce. He was a director of Barclays Bank SA and industrial adviser to Barclays Bank International. From 1973 to 1981 he was a director of Prudential Assurance. He sat on the Council of Industrial Design (now the Design Council) and was acting chairman of the Wilton Park Academic Council.

Peter Tennant was twice married first to his Swedish wife and then to a Finnish one. He is survived by the latter, Galina, whom he married in 1953, a stepson and one son and two daughters from his first marriage.

IAIN MILLS

Lain Mills Conservative MP for Meriden since 1979, died yesterday aged 56. He was born on April 21, 1940.

IAIN MILLS was a typical product of the first Thatcher election victory of 1979. He was young in political terms. thrusting, right-wing but not extremist, with a good industrial record behind him and a determination to put trade unions in their place. He won the then marginal Meriden on a tough law and order platform. In the Commons he proved

a friend of the police. He called for better training for constables and more uniformed officers on the beat. He voted for the restoration of capital punishment and was keen on the plan to give vandals "short sharp shocks". It was, therefore, an embarrassment when he was found last April lying in a gutter in Great Smith Street, near the House of Commons. He spent four hours in the cells at Charing Cross police station before being released with an official warning for drunkeness though he always maintained that he had slipped and fallen over through carrying too many books.

That was the only time he appeared on the front pages of newspapers. He was a reliable loyalist but the nearest he got to office was a six-year spell as parliamentary private secretary to Lord (then) Norman Tebbit

Mills was born in Scotland but grew up in Rhodesia -now Zimbabwe - and was educated at Prince Edward's school in Salisbury and at the University of Cape Town.

He trained as a chemical engineer and returned to Britain to work for Dunlop, where he eventually became marketing planning manager. He was proud of his role in the designing of the tyres on which Jackie Stewart won the



world motor racing title. Understandably, in view of his background, he tended to concentrate on transport in the House. He was joint chairman of the Commons Motor Industry Group and also served on the Select Committee on Employment.

As a Midlands MP, with car workers in his constituency, he was against unrestricted Spanish car imports. He called for all methods "short of an actual blockade" until Spain reduced the quota of car exports to Britain. He declared, almost in an echo of his mentor Norman Tebbit: "I am all in favour of doing a French on them and insisting that all Spanish cars arriving in this country will be accepted only

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for animal rights. He was against animals being used for laboratory experiments to make lipsticks and other cosmetics. He suggested it was more moral to use human beings in their place. Not entirely with his tongue in cheek, he sought to ban goldfish being given as fairground prizes. He also supported the Ramblers Association in its bid to modify the Wildlife and Countryside Bill.

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His other main interest was counterfeiting. He estimated that perhaps seven eighths of the counterfeiting was going undetected and added the volume of counterfeit products sold in Britain varied between £200 million and £500 million. He had been married since 1971 to Gaynor Jeffries, who

JANET RANCE

Janet Rance, journalist, died of cancer on December 18 aged 68. She was born on March 24,

FROM her mother Jan Struiber, Janet Rance inherited wisdom, zest and eloquence ring her up and ask advice about anything from how to deal with a crying baby "earplugs") to how to write a book. As Janet Graham she was a journalist for the Reader's Digest for 30 years, producing emensively researched articles on travel, art and architecture while bringing up seven children in a small house in

Streatley in Berkshire. An intrepid traveller with a taste for exoticism and variety, she explored the Iron Curtain. countries posing as a housewife, managed to get a tax allowance for two contrasting sets of clothes when sent to write about Iceland and the Algerian Sahara and succeeded in selling hitch-hiking and

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ballooning as "sports" to Sports Illustrated. Her mother was the rebel-

lious and romantic author of Mrs Miniver, her bather, Anthony Maxime Graham, was a golfing laird whom Janet thought snobbish, convention al, extravagant and annoying.

When in 1951 she became engaged to Patrick Rance, now well known for his definitive books on British and French cheese, her father made her postpone the wedding so that the rhododendrons along the drive in Perthshire would be

That was the kind of social nicety she could not stand. She loathed Scotland and decided it could only be of interest if you liked hitting balls or killing things. When she and Patrick la monocled ex-Regular Army major) started run-

ning the village shop in Streamey, her father and aunts were disapproving: it wasn't the done thing for a laird's daughter to marry a shop-



Janet and Pat Rance lived over the shop, in a house called Jessamine Cottage, which became known as Decibel Cottage because of the seven children. Over the years the house began to smell more and more strongly of cheese. The shop, Wells Stores, continued to be a general grocer's but little by little the baked beans and Sellotape were

pushed aside to make more and more room for chevre and Cornish yarg. The shop became a haven for cheeselovers from all over the Thames Valley and beyond. Janet Rance shut herself

the German Legation, exposed double

agents and successfully planted decep-

tion plans. In a boat, The Valkyrian, he

bought to sail in the quiet waters of

Stockholm's archipelago, he both took visitors from Britain and, more noisily,

A gregarious, large-hearted man,

Tennant made many friends. Among

them was Alexandra Kollontai, the

Soviet Ambassador. She said that the

Soviet Union was interested in educa-

tion and was impressed by the stan-

dards in Britain. She asked him for

advice. As a result, a report went to the

Comintern recommending the estab-

lishment of 60 Etons in the Soviet

Union, "though nothing came of it".

Despite being approved by Churchill, nothing came either of a plan recom-

mended by another contact. It was to

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buy the Italian Navy.

away while the children were at school and wrote her articalled a "Bach-lined room'. Although she was too much of a questioner and a rebel to be textbook Christian, she thought of Bach as a "hotline to heaven". She was such a Radio 3 addict that she used the Radio Times page as her diary, scribbling engagements on it in between concert programmes. Her journalistic career

began in America, where she had lived from 1940 to 1945 with her mother, who at that time was giving influential lectures and advising on the film of Mrs Miniver which. with Greer Garson in the title role, helped to bring America into the war. Aged 14, Janet was given a typewriter from

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her mother as a reward when the Atlantic Monthly published her poem about air raids. Returning to New York in 1947, she became a secretary on Good Housekeeping, and from this humble post quickly made her way to be assistant editor.

Her Good past was slightly difficult to imagine if one visited her: although an excellent cook, she was not much of a cleaner, and the stain experts at Good Housekeeping would have been brought up short if they had seen the surface of her stove. Though particular about the quality and tem-perature of cheese, she was far from being a wine or mineralwater snob: "it's Chateau Robinet this evening," guests would he told as she turned on

Wells Stores was taken over by a son, Hugh, but was sold during the recent recession. Her husband wrote his book on French cheese and this involved fascinating visits for the two of them to cheesemaking monasteries all over France, where the standard of plainchant was judged just as strictly as the standard of

Janet Rance had her first of five attacks of cancer 25 years ago. "Cancer is curable," she believed, and she became a source of consolation-by-example to triends who were suffering from it. She was, by nature, someone who liked to read in bed; and as the cancer gradually and inevitably returned, her bedside table became piled higher and higher with books and Times Literary Supplements. She was a great clipper and was forever cutting bits out of the papers to send to relatives and friends about their particular inter-

She is survived by her husband Patrick and by seven children.

Townes Van Zandt, singer and songwriter, died of a heart attack on January I aged 52. He

was born on March 7. 1944 KNOWN in musical circles as the songwriter's songwriter". Townes Van Zandt was one of the most original writers of

pathos-drenched songs in an overcrowded field. His own recordings did not sell in vast numbers, although he had a dedicated following, but the list of those who recorded his songs reads like a Who's Who of contemporary music, and his influence was powerful. He made 15 albums over almost 30 years - including the ironically-titled The Lase, Great Townes Van Zandt in

1974 — but was best known outside the music business for writing the songs If I Needed You, a hit for Emmylou Harris and Don Williams, and Pancho and Lefty, which Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard took into the charts. His fellow songwriter Steve Earle wrote on the sleeve notes of his 1987 album, At The Window. "Townes Van Zandt is the best songwriter in the whole world and I'll stand on Bob Dylan's coffee table in my cowboy boots and say that.

Born into an oil family in Fort Worth, Texas, Van Zandt led a migratory childhood which established a pattern for his unsettled life. After high school he went to a military academy for two years and then to the University of Colorado, but dropped out to pursue a career as a folk singer under the influence of Lightnin' Hopkins and, inevitably, Bob Dylan.

By 1966 he was playing in clubs and bars around Houston where he became part of what was almost a school of Texan singer-songwriters, including among others his lifelong friend Guy Clark, Jerry



Jeff Walker and Mickey Newbury. A string of albums followed, starting with For The Sake Of The Song in 1968 which set the tone for melancholic stories about characters from the backwoods down on their luck.

But success only really started to arrive for him in the early 1970s when the likes of Emmylou Harris began recording his songs. Among those who were to cite his work as an important influence were Neil Young, Lyle Loven and Nanci Griffith. His personal life was chaot-

ic; he battled against illness, had a drinking problem and always believed he would die young. Between 1978 and 1987 he released no recordings. although he had become more prolific again in recent years. and recorded an album. No Deeper Blue, in Ireland in 1995. His last performance in Britain was at the Borderline in London in December last year. He recently suffered a broken hip and was recovering from this when he had a heart attack at his former wife Jeanene's house near Nashville, Tennessee, His friend Guy Clark was visiting him when he died. He is survived by a daugh-

ter and two sons.

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casinos on the Riviera where roulette is not permitted. It is a lugubrious game, the players being depressed by the knowledge that the odds are so overwhelmingly against them. That it finds players at all is amazing testimony to the human inability to resist any game of so-called chance. It is like roulette to the extent that it is played by betting on numbers, the bettor's fate being decided by a ball spinning on a wheel. It is unlike roulette in the fact that the odds in favour of the house are four times as great. Also, the ball is, so to speak, a lawn tennis ball instead of a golf ball. In place of the clean little ivory or ivory-like ball of roulette, which spins so gaily and goes with such a determined click into its little hole, the boule ball is a big. lolloping, bladder-like thing, which wobbles indeterminately about the board, sidles into a hole, and slouches out again, loafs round, and selects

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Not too serious advice on gambling for the boulevardiers of the Riviera.

another roosting-place, sits there for a second, changes its foolish mind, and dodders off to the only hole on which nobody has bet, and there, after much invertebrate rocking and hesitation, it finally settles down. You can almost hear it sigh from sheer boredom with itself. At roulette there are 37 numbers to bet on, one of which - zero - is the perquisite of the house. The bank must in the long run win one bet in every 37 that are made. At boule the bank wins one bet in every nine. There are nine numbers on the table - 1 to 9 - and one of these (5) is in effect zero. If you bet on a

single number and win you are paid seven times your stake instead of eight, the odds being 1 in 9 against you. So with every combination on the table, one-ninth of all the stakes goes infallibly to the house. Compared with that, the one-thirty-seventh, which is all the house takes at roulette, borders on the philanthropic. Of course, with a run of luck the individual may for a short time win at boule. I have done it myself; and a few days ago a party of six went to play for half an hour after lunch. At the end of the time one lady had won 60f and one man 40f. The net loss of the party of six was 105f; which was probably as happy a result as any party of six could expect to attain at boule. At least it can be said of boule that it probably never drove a man to suicide. He might lose his temper so as to speak impolitely to his wife or lose his appetite for tea. That is as far as it could go. It is one of the sadder pleasures of the gay Riviera — as impassioned as a cold muffin. As between boule and spillikins, for mad excitement give me spillikins.

Millennium Exhibition on the brink

■ Tony Blair last night rejected a last-ditch plea by Michael Heseltine for Labour to underwrite the Millennium Exhibition, leaving the troubled Greenwich centrepiece of Britain's celebrations of 2000 on the brink of collapse.

Millennium Commission sources said he refused to drop Labour's demand that it could review the project after it came to office and insisted that it should not be boosted by a second

Government minority after MP dies

■ The Government moved into minority after the sudden death from a suspected heart attack of Iain Mills, 56, MP for Meriden, West Midlands, where he had a majority of 14,600. His body was found at his London flat by a colleague after he had not been seen for two days Pages 1, 21

Band banned

Fourteen television and radio stations banned records by the pop group East 17 after the lead singer, Brian Harvey, said Ecstasy was a safe drug that made users "better people"..

Police Bill at risk

Michael Howard was struggling to head off a Lords defeat over plans for police bugging after losing the backing of Labour's front bench over key parts of the Police Page 2

DJ pulls the plug

Radio One was said to be in turmoil after its most popular disc jockey, Chris Evans, announced that he is to quit after his demands for a four-day week were refused...

Boys 'killed mother'

Two teenage boys bludgeoned their mother to death with a hammer after enduring years of emotional and mental torture. Leeds Crown Court was toldPage 3

Wimbledon goalkeeper Hans Segers conceded it goals in a month, netting him E19,000 from a Far Eastern betting syndicate, it was alleged in court....... Page 6

Transplant setback

Human transplants using pig organs may never take place in Britain, the chairman of a government inquiry into the pioneering technique saidPage 7

Greek treasure

British and Russian archaeologists have found jewellery, a marble head of Aphrodite and thousands of gold coins at the Greek Black Sea colony of Phanagoria... ..Page 9

Nuclear error

In the final days of the Vietnam War two American engineers dismantled a nuclear research reactor in Dalat but took away a canister of polonium instead of the plutonium Page 11

EU integration drive

The European Commission added its weight to a Franco-German drive for a multi-speed Union in which groups of countries could pursue deeper integration even if other states objected Page 12

Death camp appeal

Maurice Papon, the Vichy official accused of deporting 1,690 Jews to Nazi death camps, launched an appeal to avoid trial for crimes against humanity Page 13

Hebron pullout The Star of David was pulled

down from an army checkpoint at the entrance to Hebron as Israel prepared to end 30 years of military rule there Page 14

Algerian fighting

Algerian security forces fought Muslim guerrillas in the Casbah and a bomb killed 12 people and injured a hundred in a market Page 15 south of Algiers

British numeracy fails to add up

British adults came bottom in an international numeracy league. Only 20 per cent of people aged between 16 and 60 could answer 12 sums reflecting the basic mathematics needed in everyday life. Young adults performed worst. Japan topped the table with 43 per cent answering every question correctly, followed by France, Holland, Denmark and Sweden ... Page 5



Lord Rix in the restored and newly listed Whitehall Theatre yesterday. The Art Deco theatre, home of his farces, was built in 1930.

BUSINESS

Ford: The car maker is to shed 1.300 jobs from its Halewood plant on Merseyside and concentrate production of the new Escort on the

Scottleh Amicable: Policyholders will get £1,500 extra when the life assurer sheds its mutual status. It will seek a stockmarket listing in three to five years' time Page 23 Economy: Interest rates have been pegged at 6 per cent for another month. The headline rate of inflation fell to 2.5 per cent in December

from 27 per cent Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 38.6 points to close at 4197.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 96.3 to 96.1 after a fall from \$1.6790 to \$1.6752 and from DM2.6679 to DM2.6673... Page 26

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Football: Sir John Hall, Newcastle United's chairman, said that the board tried to dissuade Kevin Keegan from leaving the club but,

as a perfectionist, he would not be

SPORT

.. Page 44 Rugby union: Kevin McKenzie has withdrawn from the Scotland team to play Wales with a neck injury. He is replaced as hooker by Gra-. Page 44 ham Ellis.

Cricket: Philip Tufnell took five wickets for 58 as England defeated a New Zealand Select XI by an innings and 113 runs in Palmerston

Salling: The 14 yachts in the BT Global Challenge are undergoing a refit in Wellington that is costing Chay Blyth, the race organiser, more than £100,000 Page 44

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Modern discord: If, even at this late hour in the 20th century, the British public still fails to be enthralled by 20th-century music, it won't be for lack of opportunities to hear the ___Page 32

Life of Brian: Brian Kennedy has a voice like an angel and his new album outsold Boyzone in Ireland. High time that British audiences discovered him..... ...Page 33

Unhappy birthday: David Bowie's fiftieth stole the headlines. Caitlin Moran says be may have been cool in the Seventies, but in the Ninetieshe is just embarrassing Page 33 Pinter and a pint? From last year's humble beginnings in the capital,

the Guinness Pub Theatre Awards have spread to saloon bars all over

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Looks to thrill.

Valerie Grove interviews Ruth Deech, chairwoman of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, who believes tight regulations reassure the public ... Page 16 Sad end: "He was a lovely man who wanted to do right by people. But in the end he didn't do right by himself," says Ronnie Scott's daughter, Rebecca

New Year, New Job: The difficulties for graduates trying to find a job; how the careers service can help; why those with a good degree. can still struggle; the experiences of two graduates Pages 36, 37

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PARTY OF T The agreement concluded between Israel's Benyamin Netanyahu and Yassir Arafat on Tuesday night is certainly not perfect. It is a compromise accepted in extremis by the two parties and outside pressure. especially American, played a major role in this reciprocal acceptance - Le Figaro

President Slobodan Milosevic's acknowledged electoral thefts in Belgrade and in Nis may turn out to be last straw for the Serbian people. Ever larger segments of the population want not liberal or reformed communism, which is at its core repressive and authoritarian, but democracy. They are fighting for it, and they surely will prevail — The

TVESTINGS

Preview: A curry shortage, the Kennedy assassination - is nothing too far-fetched for Rimmer and company? Red Dwarf (BBC2, 9pm). Review: Matthew Bond on Taggart's uncertain return Page 43

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During the coming weeks our team of political reporters will describe what they see and hear without favour, that is their training and their best tradition. Our analysts will seek out the coherence and the lack of it in the speeches and policy papers that will daily pour forth. Our columnists and our letter-writers will deliver their own different views: and the opposite page will include a proper range of all opinion.

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COLUMNS MATTHEW PARRIS

Tony Blair has about as much chance of usefully involving Liberal Democrats in the policymaking of the next government as the Ulster peace women have of forming a cross-tribe Hutu-Tutsi Cabinet in Rwanda Page 18

DRAWOH GILLING

When clowns weep great coloured tears down their powdered cheeks, their audience weeps and smiles with them. When politicians use the red or blue tear trick on their posters, the result is disturbing and confusing. A politician knows a good joke when he steals one. But when a politician tries a spot of satire about his opponents, he has his audience rolling in the aisles towards the exits Page 18

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Sir Peter Tennant, diplomat and industrial spokesman: Iain Mills, Conservative MP for Meriden; Townes Van Zandt, singer and songwriter; Janet Rance, "Page 21 iournalist

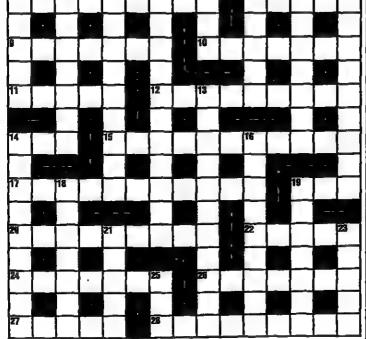
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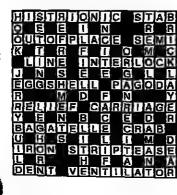
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26 Leading lady taking drugs (7). 27 The ideal thing for after retirement? (5).

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General: England and Wales

should be mostly dry at first, but rein already over westernmost parts will extend erratically east, reaching much

eather will reach Northern Ireland in the afternoon, perhaps extending to western Scotland. Windy, but ternperatures above average.

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E, NE England: dry start, cloud increasing bringing rain during the afternoon. Becoming mainly dry later.

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Li Central S, N England, Midfands, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: rain during the morning cleaning in the afternoon. morning, clearing in the afternoon. Wind southerly, fresh to strong,

southwesterly. moderating. Mild. Max 8C (46F).

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SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: rain for a time, clearing slowly from the west. Perhaps the odd shower later. Wind strong southeasterly, turning southwesterly, Misot 8C (48F).

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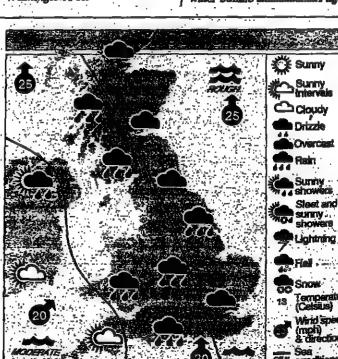
Orkney, Shetland: mainly dry but rather cloudy. Rain spreading from the southwest later. Wind southerly, sh to strong. Max 7C (45F). Tresh to strong. Max 7C (45F).

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BUSINESS TODAY

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

FRIDAY JANUARY 17 1997



Lord Harris of Peckham leading John Kitching, managing director, and Ian Sneyd, finance director, yesterday as Carpetright unveiled higher profits

Harris raises £23m in

LORD HARRIS of Penkinson million of his shares in the carpet retailer. He plans to spend most of the money on works of art. which - milike cash — he will be able to pass on to his four children free of

inheritance tax. Lord Harris 54 has a collection of about 400 paint-ings, including works by Shley, Pissarro and modern

The share sale colocided Carpetright made a profit in the six months to October 26 of £13.96 million, 38 per cent up on last year. The interior. dividend rises by 2p, to 7.5p. due on February 21. Earnings per share were 12.ip, up from 8.7p. The figures, better than expected, lifted Carpetright thares 7p. to 598p. The company now claims 17 per cent of

the nurket. Lord Harris retains 15.2 per cent of Carpetright, and shares held by the family take the stake nearer 20 per cent. He has undertaken not to sell

any more shares for two Some proceeds of Lord Harris's share sale will go to his charitable trust, which supports education and health causes. He did not rule

out some funds going to the Conservative Party, of which he is deputy treasurer. Lord Harris has four children. Two sons, Martin, 27, and Peter 34, work for Carpetright. His other son. Charles, is Peter's twin, and he has a daughter, Susan, 35.

Lord-Harris prefers to buy art anonymously, through fund parties, and lends most of his pictures to museums. He ... It now plans to add to his silver and antique furniture collections, but says that he will not buy rugs, about which he claims to know nothing.

ScotAm in £3,000 stake sale payout bonanza

second-hand policy will quali-

mutualisations of building soruses worth up to £3,000 after it announced plans to cieties, members will not be defautualise and float within able to access their bonus until three to five years.
ScotAm said yesterday that
shedding its initial status the policy matures. For some, this will be more than 20 years away even though their bonus was the first step in a two-stage restructuring it will pay an initial special bonus of E75 will be credited in May. Holders of pan-profit policies will not qualify. million to members, followed

Paul Bradshaw, deputy managing director, said he expected the company to be worth £i billion when it was

target to predators that it would be approached by banks and building societies looking to expand their life business. A successful bid

would affect the size of the second bonus. Another life insurer, Nor-

However, analysts suggest-

ed that the Stirling-based mu-

tual was such an attractive

wich Union, plans to demutualise in June and give

Float flurry prompts upgrade for Crest

However, policies taken out THE computer capacity of Crest, the electronic share settlement system, is to be increased 60 per cent to hantile this year's building society flotations and the introduction of other big stocks (Adam Jones writes).
Although 1,289 securities

life, protection, pensions, savings and investment products, primarily through indepenare now settled on Crest, several companies with large The insurer gave warning shareholder bases are still to be transferred.

that bounty hunters -people intending to buy poli-They include the building cies just to qualify for the societies planning to go public and stocks such as BT and of problems with the system last year. Eventually, 2,800 to

3,000 securities will be

CrestCo, the operator of Crest, said that it would lease six new processors to cope with the increased demand this year and was considering other hardware upgrades. The improvements could lead

to higher tariffs. Paul Symons, of CrestCo. said that 80 per cent of trades were now settled on the

each member an average £800 ScotAm said that the initial

bonus would be based on the length of time that policies had been held. Policyholders will asked to vote on demutualisation plans at the special general meeting in Swiss Re, the giant reinsur-

er, and its affiliate, Securitas Capital, is backing the deal with £400 million of capital. There has been intense speculation that ScotAm, founded in 1826, would be the subject of

a takeover but Sandy Stewart, the chairman, said that the group intended to hold on to its independence. The demutualisation pro-

cess is highly complicated and the business, staff and operations, and long-term fund of the group, will be transferred to a new company, Scottish Amicable Life, a 100 per centowned subsidiary of a newly formed holding company, Scottish Amicable Holdings.

Roy Nicolson, managing director of ScotAm, will become its group chief executive, and Mr Bradshaw will become chief executive of Scottish Am-

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special bonus - were not Barclays, whose Crest debuts welcome. Anyone buying a Newcastle to show losses of £17m



by further benefits at flotation

New with-profit policies tak-

en out after December 31, 1996

and before the date of a special

general meeting in March will qualify, but only for the bonus-

es at flotation, and not at

demutualisation, which is

in 1972 on a sum assured of

£30,000, for example, could

qualify for more than £1,500.

ScotAm is currently the

UK's sixth largest mutual life

assurance company and sells

dent financial advisers.

scheduled for May I.

worth at least £200 million.

BY JASON NISSE

NEWCASTLE UNITED is to joint chief executive, said the show losses of about £17 million for the year to July 31 when it publishes its prospectus for its spring flotation, which will value the Premiership club at between £160 million and £200 million.

The club yesterday said it will raise between £40 million and £50 million in the float. A tenth of the shares will be reserved for small investors,

holders. Mark Corbidge, the money would be used to restructure Newcastle's balance sheet and it may return to the market to raise money to pay for building its £65 million new stadium at Castle Leazes.

Sir John Hall will keep a 60 per cent stake but will not be on the board of the company being floated. It will bring in three new non-executives including a chairman, while Sir Pennington, page 25
City Diary, page 27
Hall: football subsidiary with priority allocations for John will chair the football

that in the most recent financial year it had made operating profits of £5.9 million before player transfers. According to Football Association records, the team spent £28.5 million on players in the year and sold players worth £5.85 million, indicating a loss of £17 million.

Jo Dixon, Newcastle's finance director, said the company would write off all player deals when incurred.

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Ford cuts jobs as Siemens expands

By CHRISTING BUCKLEY AND OLIVER ADGUST

FORD yesterday wielded the axe at its distributed plant, cutting 1,300 jobs and Taking production of the Escort. But. while unions were preparing to fight the job cuts — which will reduce Halewood's worklosee by a third — Siemens, the German electronics group, announced plans to create 7,000

John in Britain by the millennium. The Signers plant will be seen as trony by workers stunned at the news of the Halewood job cuts and cut in

working time. Ford chose to halt manufacture of the Escort at Halewood while maintaining output of the model at a German plant where production costs are greater. Labour and the unions have blamed Britain's employment flexibility for an easy-come, easy-go opportunity for companies. Germany enforces tough labour laws before companies can sack workers.

requiring long periods of consultation Unions at Halewood are seeking urgent talks with Jac Nasser, the chairman of Ford Europe, in an effort to halt the restructuring, which they

have condemned as a "suspended death sentence". Strike action at the 33year-old Merseyside plant is possible. Ford said the upheaval at Halewood was essential to its European operations. They made a loss of £279 million in the third quarter of last year.

Siemens, meanwhile, set out an ambitious wish list for its UK operations, fuelled, it said, by Britain's flexible workforce. Jürgen Gehrels, chief executive, said: "We may one day run the M25 motorway." Siemens, the producer of the new BT phone cards, wants to expand its activities using the

Government's private finance initiative for public building works.

Herr Gehrels said he was sorry to see Ford's problems, but he emphasised that the UK was nevertheless a better place to invest than Germany because of its lower cost base and more flexible workforce.

The redundancy programme at Halewood starts immediately, with workers soon to be told of "enhanced" severance terms. The plant moves from a two-shift operation to one shift in April. Production of the Escort stops

Strong pound allows Clarke to leave rates unchanged

equipment, such as videos and

televisions, and photographic

equipment, much of which is

fails for toys, for example. This may reflect sterling's impact on imported prices, but it may

also be a sign that consumers were insistent on searching for

bargains. Given anecdotal evi-

dence that the Christmas

shopping season got off to a

slow start -- John Menzies, the

newsagents and retail group,

yesterday became the latest

company to report disappoint-

appear that retailers have had

to be keenly competitive on

discounting of some non-sea-

sonal foods, the prices of

which fell for the fourth con-

secutive month. ONS statisti-

cians said that there was

evidence that fierce price com-

petition in supermarket chains continued this month.

The fall in the annual headline rate of inflation was

largely because of motoring

costs and food prices. Petrol

prices increased less sharply

than they had after the 1995

Budget, and second-hand car

they did last year. Seasonal food prices didn't rise by

nearly as much as a year ago.

☐ Equifax Europe reports to-

day that more consumer credit

accounts were paid on time in

the final three months of last

year than in any period over the past year. This, the firm

said, confirmed that what it

called the "recent consumer

credit boom" was based on

affordability rather than rash

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There was a rash of pre-Christmas sales, with heavy

But there were also price

still imported.

that sterling's strength was the main reason why he has decided to leave interest rates unchanged at 6 per cent for the

On the day after he met Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, for their monthly meeting on rates, the Chancellor said that the pound's sharp rise robs British exporters of the value of what they are selling. "It distorts our trade, but it is very

counter-inflationary," he said. The Chancellor's view that the strength of sterling will bear down on inflation gained immediate support from Govemment statisficians who attributed yesterday's news of falling high street inflation in

December partly to the pound. The combination of lower inflation and unchanged interest rates gave a strong boost to shares and British government bonds, although many economists believe that rates will rise next month. The FT-SE 100 index closed at a new record, up 38.6 points at 4,197.5, while gilt prices were up by three quarters of a point.

The annual rate of retail prices headline inflation fell to 2.5 per cent from 2.7 per cent in November. Underlying inflainterest payments, dropped to 3.1 per cent from 3.3 per cent. This was this measure's first monthly fall since May last year, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Statisticians said that these falls, both larger than the City expected, could be attributed to tight competitive pressures on Britain's high streets and the effect of sterling's strong appreciation, particularly since August.

One example of the effect of the pound was falling prices in

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London close \$353.35 (\$354.15)

Making tracks

The rail regulator has warned Ruiltrack that it must step up investment in the railways or face severe Swift, the regulator, said current spending was "wholly unacceptable". Page 24

Snowballing

First Leisure has carmarked £100 million for expansion that will create 2,000 jobs over two years. The plans include building two new snowdomes — indoor skiing centres. Page 28 Tempus 26

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Railtrack told to step up investment

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

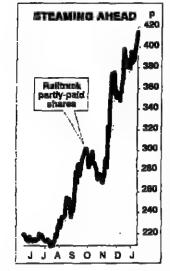
THE Rail Regulator has issued Railtrack with its starkest warning yet that it must dramatically step up its level of investment in the railways or face severe financial penalties.

in a toughly worded statement to the company's board. John Swift, the regulator, said current spending was "wholly unacceptable" and that its stewardship of the railways was "disappointing in impor-

Mr Swift accused the company, which was privansed in May last year, of heavily underspending on track, sig-nalling and stations. The total shortfall has been estimated at between £333 million and

£700 million. He called on Railtrack to deliver "an effective rail infrastructure renewal and investment programme in line with public interest objectives and with the basis on which Railtrack's access charges received regulatory approval".

Railtrack must show that it has "credible plans to deal with the backlog and should deliver on those plans, now that it is free from public sector financing limits," he said. The rail industry's financial



regime had been set at a level to allow for infrastructure improvements of £3.5 billion up to 2001, he added.

Railtrack is financed mainly from track access charges that it levies the train operating companies, which receive about £2 billion of taxpayer subsidy a year. Andrew Smith, the Shadow

Transport Secretary, said it was "intolerable" that a company receiving such a large public subsidy should be failing to invest in infrastructure. He urged the regulator to follow up his warning with strong action to ensure Railtrack complies".

In a statement. Railtrack acknowledged the spending arrears, but said it was taking time to build up investment levels to meet "our ambitious plans". The company is due to publish its Network Management Statement next month. when it will be expected to reveal in some detail how it plans to investment in the network over the next decade.

Railtrack insisted that it planned to spend £8 billion by the time of the Regulator's next review of the financial regime in 2001. Mr Swift can cap the charges or even fine the company if it does not meet

investment targets. Railtrack shares, which have climbed rapidly since they were floated at 190p last year, touched a new record high of 411p yesterday, despite the shot across the company's bows from Mr Swift.

Foreign investors have piled into the shares since the flotation, in part because of the development potential of its vast property assets. Analysts pointed to a shortage of shares in the market because about 38 per cent are still held by the public. This makes it difficult for institutions to build up their portfolio "weightings" in Railtrack shares, which are in the FT-SE 100 index, forcing up the price.



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The society said that some of the 55,000 had altered their

accounts in some way in the

weeks before the end of the

year, which meant that some

were no longer eligible for the

free shares, while others had

changed their accounts to

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ensure they qualified.

Woolwich in float shares muddle

fall below the critical £100

level by the end of the year,

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Others who did not qualify

for the share-out before the

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12,000 had topped up accounts

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L&G's new

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up by half

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LEGAL & GENERAL, the in-

surer, saw new business surge

54 per cent in 1996, its first rise

Equivalent premium in-

come, which measures annual

premiums and one tenth of

single premiums, reached 1301 million in the UK.

strated recovery in the market and L&G's strategy of provid-

through a range of channels.

Overseas business fell £3.5

million, to £85.4 million, hit by

sterling's strength and reorg-anisation of the US subsidiar-

ies, William Penn and Banner.

At home, the improving

housing market pushed mort-

gage repayment products up 43 per cent, to E75.2 million.

L&G was also successful in

group personal pensions, with

sales of annuities quadrupling

to £724.6 million, making it a

market leader. Individual pen-

sion single premiums rose 26 per cent, to E228.2 million.

Pep and unit trust sales rose

EZ8.3 million, to EZ05.7 million,

and L&G won 200 mandates to

manage £4.25 billion of new pension fund money.

L&G is to announce final re-

sults and bonuses for with-

Vauxhall Bridge in London

for three years while its

Whitehall headquarters are

There is already talk of presenting the Chancellor,

Kenneth Clarke, with a peri-

tion objecting to the move to

Camelford House, nick-

named the "Spook Centre",

on the South Bank at the end

of 1998. "It's a tip of the first -

order." muttered one com-

returbished

profit holders in March.

David Prosser, chief executive, said the growth demon-

average of £1,200.

Anite sale of Case interests lifts shares

By Eric Reguly

ANTTE GROUP completed its restructuring yesterday with the £42 million sale of the loss-making divisions that make data communications products. The disposals triggered a 6 2p rise in the shares, which closed at 47p.

The company, formerly Cray Electronics, sold Case Technology Denmark and Case Technology UK so that it could concentrate on Anite Systems and Anite Networks, whose specialities are software and network integration.

The former was sold to Intel Europe, which makes computer chips; the latter went to Nilehand, a new private company that was formed by Roger Holland, the former chairman of Anite, for the nominal sum of El. The two Case operations

had net losses of £23 million in the last financial year. Anite Systems reported interim profits of £2.8 million on turnover of £39 million, while Anite Networks was only marginally profitable on sales of £38

Jon Richards, chief executive, said that the profit margins of Anite Networks should reach 5 per cent within a couple of years.

In the half year to October 3l, Anite reported a pre-tax loss of £63.5 million, which includes a surplus property writedown of £21.9 million, against a previous loss of El4.6 million.

The company said that the disposals leave it with £17 million in cash. The board will consider paying a final dividend in July.

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Also affected are those who

have recently moved house

and have their previous ad-

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In spite of a de-duplication

exercise carried out by the

building society some people

may find that they receive two

London goal

for Italian

football club

JUVENTUS, the Turin foot-

ball club that won last

season's European Cup,

may become the first foreign

club to take a listing on the

The club, which is con-trolled by the Agnelli family of Fiat fame, will take the

London listing because its profit record is not good

enough to be listed on the

Under Italian rules, com-

panies must show three

uninterrupted years of prof-

its before being able to list on

the Milan stock market. Juventus made a loss in its

Italian press reports suggest

that the Agnelli family is to

restructure its controlling

shareholding in Juventus to

bring it to market. Other clubs

in Serie A. the Italian first

divsion, believed to be consid-

ering a share listing include

AC Milan, Inter Milan and

Sergio Cragnotti, the owner

of Lazio, yesterday said: "We want to be the first club to get

the official quotation. We were looking forward to a quick quotation ... we have been

dealing with Consob [Italy's stock exchange regulatory agency] for this purpose."

London stock market.

Italian market.

last financial year.

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separate voting packs.

week in the new year.

US reviews Boeing's McDonnell merger

AMERICA'S Rederal Trade Commission is to review the merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, said yesterday. European Union antitrust investigators also have announced that they intend to review

the merger to ensure that it complies with EU rules.

Bosing's \$13.34 billion takeover of McDonnell Douglas announced last month, would create a civilian aircraft and military-aircraft powerhouse with projected annual revenue of \$48 billion, making it the world's largest aerospace company. It would have 65 per cent of the world jetimer market, almost double the share of Europe's Airbus Industrie consortium, its main rival. In America, both the FTC and the Justice Department have jurisdiction to review mergers. They negotiate to decide which will handle each merger and often both agencies are interested in handling large, high-profile mergers. The decision is usually based on which agency has more expertise with the industry involved.

Brokers to merge

LOWNDES LAMBERT and Fenchurch, the insurance brokers, are to merge, forming a new company, the Lambert Fenchurch Group, with a stock market value of about 198 million. Fenchurch shareholders will be offered 628 new Lambert Fenchurch shares for every 1,000 Fenchurch shares. The merger is expected to save at least E5 million before tax. Lowndes Lambert shareholders will hold about 72 per cent in the new group and Fenchurch shareholders 28 per cent.

Mercedes chief goes

HELMUT WERNER yesterday resigned as chairman of Mercedes-Benz after a bitter struggle over the restructuring of Daimler-Benz, its parent company. Herr Werner had opposed plans that legally wind up Mercedes and make it part of Daimler. According to the restructuring plans, Mercedes will cease to be an independent legal entity and will become part of Daimler-Benz, represented on the board by three executives, one for cars, one for trucks and one for marketing.

Scots defend banknotes

SCOTTISH banks have banded together to ensure the survival of Scotland's own banknotes should the UK Government decide to participate in European monetary union. Lord Younger of Prestwick, chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland and a former minister, told its annual meeting in Edinburgh yesterday, that "the Scottish banks have discussed the prospects for their own note issue with the Bank of England and the European Monetary Institute".

Lanica shares fall 10%

SHARES in Lanica Trust yesterday closed 10 per cent down, at £13.87/2, after a low of £9.37/2. The fall followed a statement after the close of trading on Wednesday that ended speculation that Andrew Regan, the chief executive, was about to pull off a speciacular deal. Early this month, the shares, which were £2 last year, rose above £20 on rumours that Littlewoods intended to back its retail business into Lanica to gain a stock market listing. Lanica says it intends to stay an investment company.

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Pearson chief buys

MARJORIE SCARDINO, the new chief executive of Pearson, bought 10,000 shares in the media and entertainment group at £7.76 each yesterday. John Makinson, finance director, bought 2,000 shares at the same price, raising his holding to 3,000 shares. The purchases came on the back of "buy" recommendations from Merrill Lynch and NatWest Securities, which expect Ms Scarding to focus the company by selling some investments. Pearson shares rose 21p to 780 ap.

Triplex bid go-ahead

TRIPLEX LLOYD'S: £58 million hostile bid for William Cook, its fellow engineer, is back on course after a Department of Trade and industry decision not to refer it to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The bid — suspended while the DTI made up its mind — will now be decided by February 8. William Cook responded by challenging Triplex to issue a profit forecast. Triplex said that it had no intention of doing so, and that the City was well-informed about its prospects.

Brooke better

BROOKE Industrial Holdings, the manufacturer and distributor of cutting tools, is increasing its total dividend to 3p a share, from 2p, with a 2p final after reporting pre-tax profits of £676,000 for the year to September 30, up from £410,000 in the previous 12 months. Earnings rose to 1.56p a share, from 1.1p. Turnover of E21.78 million compared with £18.9 million previously. The company raised £4.3 million through a rights issue in October to reduce borrowings.

Digital Equipment dives

DIGITAL EQUIPMENT, the US computer manufacturer, reported second-quarter net income almost 80 per cent lower at \$31.9 million, compared with \$148.8 million last time. Earnings per share fell to 15 cents from 91 cents. However, the results beat Wall Street's expectations, and the shares surged.
Digital's stock rose \$3.50, or more than 10 per cent. Robert Palmer, chairman, said: "I am satisfied with the progress the: company demonstrated in the second quarter."

Speciality Shops buys

SPECIALITY SHOPS, the retail property investment company, is to acquire the Pyramids shopping centre in Birkenhead from Wyndham Investments, the property arm of the Allied Domeco pension fund, for £26.75 million. The centre, completed in 1988, has 143,000 sq ft of retail space. Speciality Shops said that its gross assets more than doubled to EIIO million in 1996, while net asset value per share rose to at least 145p from 134p.

Plan for petition opposing South Bank move

Deflation sets in at Treasury

TREASURY morale plumbed plainant, "The only local facilities are a chip shop, a gay bar new depths yesterday after it was confirmed that mandaand a strip joint." rins will be moving to less Around 200 staff from the

Treasury's state-of-the art offices in Victoria, who will eventually return to share reduced Whitehall headquarters with its former inmates, are said to be particularly put out by the move. Parking facilities and the length of time it will take ministers in a hurry to reach Parliament are other major sticking points.

tary question yesterday the Treasury said: There are firm its door on to Whitehall.

plans to improve the area, including access to public transport, road improvements and general cleanliness."

The contract to refurbish the Treasury has been awarded to the architect, Sir Norman Foster, and the programme will be undertakeu as a Private Finance Initiative. When complete it is likely the rear of the building will house residential flats, with the Treasury in the middle and another government department at the front. which will deny the Treasury

By CAROLINE MERRELL

THE Woolwich Building So-

ciety has admitted that 55,000 people have been sent

the wrong information about whether they qualify for shares in its E3 billion

The building society sent out two mailshots to its 2.5

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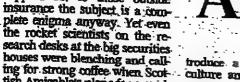
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Hamleys said that sales rose 3.6 per cent in the five months to December 31, while in the 11

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plete enigma anyway. Yet even the rocket scientists on the research desks at the big securities houses were blenching and calling for strong onfiee when Scottish Amicable's plans for a stock market float sailed into view.

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☐ INSURANCE analysis are a clever breed. At least one must

suppose so; to those outside

mind-boggling complexity of it all. It was why it had to be so mind-bogglingly complex, when there were plemy of simpler ways to achieve the same ends. (Deep breath). Let us try to put

Scottish Amicable, a well-regarded but unexciting runner in the mutual insurance pack founded in 1826, is bringing in some heavy friends from elsewhere to pep up its performance in the three to five years before the business achieves a stock market quotation a raft of institutional investors and vulnerability to a takeover bid.

Drop the thing into the market as it is and it would survive about as long as a goldfish in a piranha pond. What is more, the splash would be muted because of the five other demutualisations expected this year. Fat-ten it up for three to five years, with the help of those heavy friends, Swiss Re and its asso-ciate Securitas Capital, and in-

Amicable, but hardly user-friendly

☐ Why the feeling is not mutual at ScotAm ☐ Newcastle's flotation out of Toon ☐ Lord Harris makes an honest pile

troduce a more profits-driven culture and the returns to the owners, the with-profits policyholders, will be greater.

Once ScotAm demutualises in the spring, the existing business is closed off and all new policies written thereafter go into a New Fund. Securitas takes 20 per cent of this, in return for an invest-ment of up to £45 million. Swiss-Re has a matching stake in the entire group, old and new funds and the rest, in return for £350 million plus perhaps another £150 million in a couple of years.

This first payment funds a one-off borns to those policyholders, who control the other 80 per cent and can be relied on to ignore all but the most tempting takeover approaches, of which ScotAm has had a few.

This bonus goes into their existing policies to enhance terminal bonuses. On floration, shares in a group worth £1 hillion are sold to the City. Those policyholders take out perhaps £200 million in a one-off pay-ment, enough is retained to fund future business and the rest is Swiss Re's return on its money. ScotAm believes the scheme

allows policyholders to benefit from any upturn in the insurance cycle and rises in premiums already detected, along with further gains in market share by independent financial advisers, to whom it is one of the leading suppliers. The pledge is to quadruple profits on the road

This can be taken as an admission that improvement is overdue. ScotAm's market share may have grown in 1995, the last year on record, but it is still a modest 2.7 per cent of all life premiums — and the other fish in that pond are getting bigger

More followers than profits

DLET us all now bow down to the great god Football. Despite the hiccup caused by replacing Messiah Kevin with King Kenny, the Newcastle United flotation trundles on without deflection. A new chairman will preside over the float, while Sir John Hall, the architect of the revived Toon, will not even sit on



the public company's board. Given the near-universal worship of the Football god, the issue is bound to go well. Loyal Geordies will queue round the block. Supposedly sensible fund managers will don replica team shirts in order to hoboob with former footballers. But once the excitement subsides, there will

be some serious losses to nurse. Ignoring Newcastle, Coventry and all the other chibs saying they intend to float, and merely concentrating on the 19 clubs traded — be they on the main market, AIM, Ofex or in matched bargains — the football sector already has a market capitalisation of more than £2 billion.

There are substantial gineers, with boring things like

factories, export markets and profits, worth less. The best estimates of annual revenues from pay-per-view TV for foot-ball are £2.5 billion. After the cut taken by the broadcasters and spiralling player salaries, the amount left for the shareholders is bound to disappoint.

And then there is the issue of

management. Until now, most clubs have been run as a hobby rather than as proper busi-nesses. Newcastle has drafted in a new management team, but Sir John will hover in the background with a controlling in-terest. This is the structure enjoyed by Tottenham Hotspur when Paul Bobroff ran the company and Irving Scholar the club. The result near insolvency and stock exchange censure.

Newcastle has not made a profit during Sir John's reign, surviving only because he guar-anteed its mountain of loans from Barclays Bank. In the prospectus the company will admit to having lost £17 million last year and forecast no profit this year. It may have a brilliant manager, adoring fans and a unique place in the community.

aspirations require the sort of faith that even a Messiah could

A measured tread to this carpet sale

CITHERE is something unnerving about a business that is largely the creation of one entrepreneur. Any sign of waning confidence on their part is a good time to join them in the gradual, unobrusive drift towards the exits, which is why directors' dealings and, in particular, the sale of a large chunk of the main man's holdings, should be of concern to investors.

Lord Harris's decision to sell a quarter of his holding in his Carpetright creation looks to be the exception, though. The sale might serve as a model for such transactions. He has made no significant disposals since the company was floated in 1993, despite the lifting of a self-imposed block on such share sales a year later. The market was informed of his intentions beforehand, and the sale carried

out in an orderly fashion to institutions. He has an excellent reason for wanting to sell, even if 54 is hopefully a good few decades too early to start worry-

ing about death duties. There is no parallel with the collapse of Lowndes Queensway in 1990, two years after he sold out. His family retains a fifth of the company, and Carpetright is determined to stay out of debt. Little wonder that the City was

queueing up for the shares. Lord Harris is one of the nicer businessmen it is possible to meet, and plenty have reason to be thankful for his charitable work. No one is perfect, though, and he has one known character defect; it is impossible to remain in his company for long before he tries to sell you a carpet.

Aerial view of 5

☐ IT IS not strictly accurate to say that up to three million households will need expensive new aerials because of the arrival of Channel 5. They need only put up the money if they intend to receive the station. We also learn this week that a sine qua non of working there, based on a quiz put to some job applicants, is the ability to name all five of the Spice Girls, Might a few of those householders decide the cultural riches on offer are not worth the extra expense

Lonrho chief says Bock sale has hit demerger

THE new chief executive of ... Mr Morrell said the inquiry will probably run until May. Lonrho, the conglomerate with extensive interests in Lonrho was reporting annu-al profits before exceptional Africa, admitted yesterday that his predecessor's sale of items of £170 million, a 13 per an 18.3 per cent stake to Anglo cent improvement on the pre-American, the South African Mr Bock's October sale via

mining group, has made it more difficult for him to an option at 180p prompted a collapse in Lourbo's shares. deliver value to Lourno's aimough yesterday they rose 2p to 127p. However, Mr Morrell defended Mr Bock's Nick Morrell, who recently succeeded Dieter Bock, said Anglo American's acquisition of Mr Bock's stake had "added" continuing role as non-executive deputy chairman. We felt he had a following in the Lonrho's planned demerger of its mining and non-mining businesses. The European market," he said. Mr Bock is also closely involved with the Amantaytau Goldfields project in Utbekistan Mr Morrell concern that it may give the that he had underwritten a company undue influence in share issue at a second platinum. Commission is investigating

Mr Morrell could give no indication as to the likely timetable of the demerger, although he recognised that shareholders would be unhappy if no progress had been made in a year's time. Lonrho will consider trade sales of its businesses if that will produce a better deal for shareholders.

Mr Morrell was otherwise unwilling to give further de-tails of the likely shape of the demerger. He said the company was in discussions with various authorities around the world to determine the most tax efficient structure. Lonrho wants to cut its debt

of £494 million by about £200 mallion before the demerger. However, the company said it would not be rushed into a

chain, and was determined to obtain the best price. Lonrho is believed to be discussing selling the hotels, which are expected to fetch about £300 million, to Prince Alwaleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz, the Saudi businessman.

An £87 million charge on the pre-Christmas sale of the Metropole Hotels to Stakis left pre-tax profits at £78 million El61 million). Mining profits fell £13 million to £90 million because of low mineral prices and the devaluation of the South African rand. Adjusted earnings rose 34

per cent to 11.9p a share. Lonrho will pay a final divi-dend of 3p on April 7, giving an unchanged total of 5.25p.

Clyde cashflow enjoys 29% lift

BY CARL MORTISHED

CLYDE PETROLEUM, the oll company fighting off a bid from Gulf Canada, impressed the market yesterday, report-ing a strong boost to its cashflow in the year just

At the same time, the oil company predicted that average daily oil production would rise sharply from 41,117 to 60,000 barrels in 1999. Clyde shares rose from 117p

to 121p as the market absorbed the implications for the company's cashflow. The oil company has been waging a battle over the correct methed to value the company, arguing that on the basis of multiples of cashflow, Gulf's bid of 105p per share under-values Clyde. Gulf has stated that net asset vaines are a

more appropriate measure.

Malcolm Gourlay, chair-

company would soon produce a valuation of the company's reserves and full figures for 1996, including the dividend. Increased production and lower debt levels helped to boost cashflow by 29 per cent, to £127 million, the company estimates. Discretionary cashflow after deducting tax and interest rose by 37 per cent, to £113 million, or

27.6p per share. In a document sent to shareholders yesterday, Clyde refers to a report from John Heroid, the American consultants who state that Clyde should be valued at a multiple of 5.3 to 6.6 times discretionary cashflow. The calculation suggests a valuation of 146p to 177p per share. This valuation was rejected yesterday by Gulf Carnida

Shell seeks move into electricity

By Carl Mortished

SHELL, the Anglo-Dutch oil group, wants to build up a significant position in world electricity markets. Cor Herkströter, the chairman of Royal Dutch Petroleum and head of the committee of managing directors for the Shell group, said yesterday that the oil company intended to make substantial investments to develop a global electricity business from Shell's gas and coal reserves.

"We want to get into electricity generation. If we have not made substantial progress in five years we will not go ahead with it," he predicted.

Shell already has projects to develop electricity generation in the Phillipines and in Namibia. Mr Herkströter did not rule out acquisitions to The oil company sees the opportunity of linking the production of gas and coal to the electricity power point in the home. "We would not exclude being part of the whole supply chain," said Mr Herkströter. He pointed to China as a potential opportuelectricity generation because of the country's vast coal

no bids planned at present.

The decision to diversify into power generation marks a big change in strategy for Shell which has spent the past five years selling off nontraditional businesses.

In 1994, Shell sold its lossmaking metals business, Billiton. Shell's coal business has been a weak performer, but the Royal Dutch chairman said he saw opportunities to

Menzies shares plunge 12% after profit fall

SHARES of John Menzies: plunged 12 per cent yesterday after it reported a decline in interim profits, blaming poor trading at its Early Learning Centre (ELC) children's shops. And a trading statement from Hamleys confirmed that

the toy market was tough in the run-up to Christmas. Pre-tax profits at John Menzies were £26 million in the six months to November 2, down from £3.8 million. Comparable retail sales were down i per cent and at ELC were down 4 per cent at the half-way stage. In the eight weeks to December 28, toy sales were

down 7 per cent. The group has begun expanding the ELC range to appeal to older children and to include more branded goods. David Mackay, who took over as managing director two weeks ago, said: "We are determined to get the business

going again."
However, John Menzies, chairman, said that the shortfall in first-half profits would not be made up in the remainder of the year. That led analysts to downgrade forecasts for the year to E34 million, from £41 million. The shares

fell to 4772 p. from 545p.
Sales at the retail division rose 4 per cent to £192.5 million, mainly because of additional space, but it lost £6.2 million (15.6 million loss). Distribution services' sales grew 11.3 per

Menzies interim dividend is

David Mackay intends to boost Early Learning Centre

months from February to the significantly in Christmas and of December they were 5.6 week. It said sales in January end of December they were 5.6 trading in the three weeks before Christmas was below last year's level, but picked up

per cent ahead. It said that had started well and were above last year's

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Proteus has regained self-belief, says Miller

BY PAUL DURMAN

PROTEUS International, the drug discovery company, yesterday declared it had put an end to the "culture for failure" that gripped it a year ago.

Allen Miller, the former

Welkome Foundation chemist

who is research and development director at Proteus, said that when he arrived last March "people didn't believe in themselves, they didn't believe in a future for Proteus".

Proteus has repeatedly failed to meet its extravagant promises and would have gone bust last year but for a £9.5 million Under Dr Miller, Proteus is

concentrating on a narrower range of drug targets. He has satisfied himself of the effectiveness of Prometheus, the company's much-hyped software for computer-aided mole-cule design (CAMD).

The company's other hope is he development of immunotherapeutics, such as the prostate cancer drug it has licensed to ML Labs. Proteus is also working on DNA-binding

David Gration, who has become executive chairman after last sammer's surprise departure of Yurek Sikorski, the chief executive, said he was fully aware of our credibility problem", but Proteus's £8.7 million of cash gave the company "at least 12 months to get on with the job".

In the six months to September 30, Proteus trimmed its losses to £1.9 million (£3.7 million), helped by revenues of

PSD flotation date

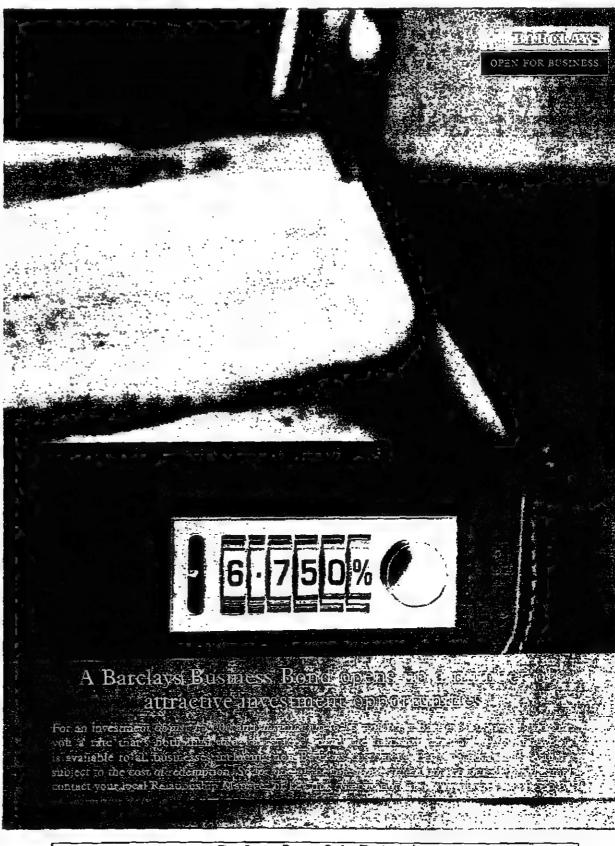
PSD GROUP, the recruitcoming to the main market next month via a flotation that should see it valued at £40 million (Fraser Nelson

Hearn, PSD's founder and chairman, will become a paper millionaire after the flotation, with his 42 per cent stake in the company on course to be

ment services company, is . Hearn, a former accountant, set up the company with E200,000 six years ago.

After acquisitions, the last of

which was of Hoggett Bowers in 1994, PSD has become one of the leading recruitment agencies in Britain. It produced operating profit of £4.3 million in the nine months to September 30, after profits of



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MICHAEL CLARK

Rate pegging sends shares on record-breaking run

peg interest rates at o per cent was the signal for another record-breaking run by share prices on the London stock

The apparent lack of activity by the Bank of England in the money market was enough to convince investors that the crisis was over, for the time being at least. It follows Wednesday's monthly economic meeting between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England.

Key points would have been yesterday's positive inflation news and Monday's less than expected increase in factory gate prices. These have destroved theories among many economists that there has been a build-up of inflationary pressures in recent months.

In the event, selective buying of leading shares and a positive start to trading on Wall Street paved the way for the record-breaking run by the FT-SE 100 index. After briefly hitting a new intra-day peak of 4,198.9 points, it closed 38.0 up

at a new high of 4,197.5. The equity market's dramatic rise in recent years is now starting to cause problems for market-makers short of stock. A total of 960 million shares traded yesterday and dealers fear further volatility today as they try to cover short positions before the expiry of the January options.

Among leading British Aerospace climbed 152p to £12.94 as Kleinwort Benson, the broker, led the buyers. Blue Circle was wanted, adding 15 p at 391p on the back of encouraging comments by Merrill Lynch and Credit Lyonnais Laing.

Hanson also attracted much needed support, with the price rising 3½p to 89p ahead of next month's demerger of its energy division.

A bumper set of half-year profits lifted Carpetright 7p to 598p. Lord Harris of Peckham, founder and chairman, took advantage of the positive response to raise almost £23 million with the sale of four million shares. SBC Warburg, the broker, placed them with various institution: at 5694 p. He now owns 12.08 million shares, or 15.2 per cent.

showed signs of grinding to a halt, with the price sliding 12/2p to 784p after Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker,



Nicolas Morrell, left, with Robin Whitten, Lourho finance chief

urged clients to take some profits and switch elsewhere in the sector.

Abbey National has come up from around the 500p level since the summer, supported institutional Laing now thinks the shares may have gone as far as they can for the time being.

Laing says that clients should switch into Bank of al. 122p to £20.122. Guardian Royal Exchange, 5½ p to 285p, and General Accident, 26p at

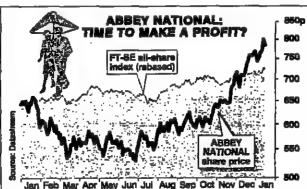
As expected, shares of Lanica Trust fell sharply first thing, touching a low of 93712 p before rallying to end 1622p down at £13.872. The company said after the close of business on Wednesday that it knew of no reason for the

The absence of a bidder for the two remaining independent Recs, Yorkshire Electricity and Southern, may force investors to think about fundamentals again. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, says that of the two Yorkshire has the most going for it with only limited downside in the price, which rose 142p to 8332p.

Scotland, up 102 p at 3292 p, and Royal Bank of Scotland, ם ב 150 firmer 588 פל 1.

The composite insurers benefited from bullish comments from Salomon Brothers, the US securities house. It has set a target price of 540p for Royal & Sun Alliance, which responded with a rise of lop at 468½ p. There were also gains for Commercial Union. 132p to 7285 p. Domestic & Generrecent "substantial" rise in the share price. Andrew Regan, chairman, said the company would continue to manage its investment portfolio accord-ing to the listing requirements.

As a result, it would not be allowed to invest any more than 20 per cent of its gross assets in any one investment. Lanica started 1996 at 95p and has been as high as £21 recently. It had been hoped



other businesses into Lanica when he took control a few months back.

Brokers shrugged off the where Nicholas Morrell is chief executive, concentrating instead on the group's committement to proceeding with its demerger in order to enhance shareholder value. The sale of its Princess hotel chain was expected to fetch £300 million plus. The price closed 2p firmer at 127p.

Coats Viyella hardened 20 to 1392 p as several large lines of stock, including one million shares at 137p and a further million at 138p, went through the market. The price fell from a peak of 207p last year after a profits warning, but with the shares still yielding 8 per cent, it is starting to attract fund managers again.

Fenchurch Insurance rose 9½p to 70½p after agreeing to merge with Lowndes Lambert, a rival, up 72p at 116p. The deal will give the enlarged group a price tag of E95 million. Cost savings of £5 million are expected to be achieved in the first year.

Premium Underwriting increased 13p to 153p on the news it had received approaches from a number of companies. It has now decided to postpone a placing of one million shares at 140p until the situation has been clarified.

A return to the black failed to cheer Osprey Communications, down 55 p at 31p, while Coda Group jumped 222p to 1232p in spite of plunging into the red with a loss of £4 million against a surplus last time of £1 million.

☐ GILT EDGED: Investors gave a sigh of relief to the absence of rise in interest rates and the smaller than expected rise in the monthly rate of inflation. Prices were driven sharply higher from the outset, peaking around midday. In the futures pit, the March

series of the Long Gilt surged £2732 to close at £11034 as the total number of contracts completed surged to 129,000. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 jumped £2932 to £1032932, while in shorts. Treasury 8 per

■ NEW YORK: Wall Street bond market. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 31.56 points to 6,758.44.

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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Mining for jewels

the City's strangest company. Unsurprisingly, he wants the best possible price for its Princess Hotels. He remains committed to a demerger of its mining and non-mining interests, "or a combination of sale and demerger". Under that vague formulation. shareholders can only guess whether Lonrho will end up a pot of gold or a pig in a poke.

Lonrho is now shot of the Libyans (along with the Metropole Hotels), head office costs have fallen substantially, the African businesses are better managed and local representatives have replaced Tiny's renowned African address book. All that sounds encouraging until you remember that the former chief executive, Dieter Bock, has sold his 18.3 per cent interest to Anglo American.

LONRHO'S new chief executive, Nick the South African mining giant. A profitable Morrell, said little that clarified the future of move for Mr Bock (he made an estimated £100 million) but other shareholders are nursing heavy losses as the market sensibly assumed that the South Africans (who now have 28 per cent) might have a different agenda to ordinary shareholders.

Angle certainly has no interest in receiving a fat dividend as Lonrho sells off its businesses. The South Africans like their funds offshore. More fundamentally, Anglo's interest in Lonrho may fall foul of the European Commission, which is concerned about the concentration of the platinum market. Breaking up Lonrho might well have released some jewels if the interests of the many were allowed to prevail. But it seems that Lonrho will once again be a plaything for African empire-builders.

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Clyde's forecast of future

While the Canadians com-

plain that current production

is in decline, that is normal

Clyde

HAVING run up the flag that says "cash is king", Clyde Petroleum demon strated yesterday that it had plenty of the stuff. The cash flow figure for 1996 was well up at the top of expectations thanks to higher production and lower debt. Useful ammunition in its war of words with Gulf Canada but less important to investors than Clyde's prognosis about future oil production.

It is now clear that the market wants much more from Gulf than 105p per share if the Canadian are to succeed in taking over Clyde. If cash flow is the measure the question for investors is at what rate Clyde's cash is likely to increase and yesterday the company forecast a 46 per cent increase in oil output by 1999. There are question markets over the

for an oil explorer and a should be valued at 160p or more seem fanciful. The price of 125p is not ridicuious, representing only 4.6 times 1997 debt adjusted valuations commissioned by Clyde appear not to have cash flow. If Gulf wanted been adjusted for debt which undiscovered barrels, it changes the equation. However, there is no blue sky in

forecast: Clyde must bring in

production from 9/14B, the

block acquired from BP,

Suggestions that Clyde

without excess cost.

could bid for British Borneo. A GULF BETWEEN THE VALUATIONS

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First Leisure

AS THE bookies begin to win back custom from the National Lottery, that blue-rinse staple, bingo, continues to struggle. Bingo was the one blackspot in an otherwise strong set of figures unveiled yesterday by First Leisure, providing a pointer to the difficulties still faced by the other main operators including Rank and Bass.

All the big operators have invested heavily, transform-ing small bingo halls into new super-bingo emporiums that can offer better hospitality facilities and larger prizes But admissions continue to fall - First Leisure said attendances dropped 17 per cent on a like-for-like basis. The industry desperately may come from mooted dewill include a partial removal of the ban on advertising. But further delay reform.

*DOPORTHUES !

CHILDREN are a disappointment to John Menzies To be precise, a lack of childtrouble for the company's Early Learning Centres and these are being blamed for most of the woes at John Menzies. ELC has traditionally con-

suits were also damaged by

its policy of writing off dev-

elopment costs but that will

have less impact next year.

Bingo still delivers strong

cash generation, helping to

fund the £100 million invest-

ment programme. First Lei-

sure's other staples, which

include bowling, nightclubs, bars and health and fitness

centres, look in good condi-tion and will benefit from

economies of scale, especially

from catering, as the com-

pany grows. A gentle in-

crease in consumer spending

should ensure that growth is

John Menzies

centrated on the 0-5 age

roup. Such a narrow range has meant that the business is very vulnerable to dips in the birth rate and changes in taste among our smallest citizens. Sad to say, children these days spend a very short. period of their lives playing with wooden bricks and rock. ing horses; in no time they are on to Action Man and CD-Roms, which their par-

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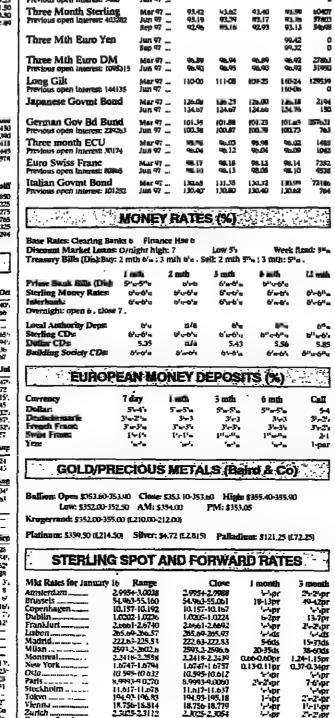
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ents do not buy from ELC. Sensibly, Menzies is now looking at extending its ELC range to include products. suitable for children aged up to ten. It wants to bring in more branded products. But the trick will be to maintain the distinctive character of the business; ELC is held in high esteem by its customers and too much change could be damaging Putting more shelf for older children sounds sensible. However ELC has many competitors and Menzies will have to act quickly to regain lost ground.

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LORD HARRIS of Peck-

ham has learnt from his past mistakes. He will not be spending his £24 million windfall on carp. He did that the last time that he sold a stake in his carpet company, and has been rucing the day ever since. His 100 carp are lying low this month, keeping warm at the bottom of their giant pool in Kent. In summer, lowever, the odd one will feed straight from their owner's hand. But Lord Harris is giving them away, one by one. They are the worst investment. he curses. They die, and then who wants to buy them when they're dead? I don't want them to die, but

Standing down

wouldn't do it again."

MEANWHILE, the Tories may soon be seeking a new top level fundraiser. Lord Harris, also highly successful deputy treasurer of the Conservative Party, is ex-pected to leave the job after the election. The carpet multimillionaire, who spends just four days a week at Carpetright because of his fundraising commitments, said he wants to spend more time with his business and his family after the election. Sounds aminous.

TWO magnums in the wine trade have been swallowed up by the courts. Tony Mason, trading director of Majestic, and Richard Miscadam, managing director of Oddbins, are on jury service.

Licensed to call

A FORMER prime ministop the list of well-known subjects with whom Americans would most like to speak over the phone, according to a survey by MCI One. American men plumped for Baroness Thatcher, while women in the US went for Sean Connery Bad news Tony Blair, John Major was hot on the 007 actor's heels.



Connery: topped survey

Home fixture

GOOD news for Mark Corbidge, the former merchant banker who is steer ing Newcastle United to the stock market. He has found somewhere to live at last. Since joining the club in the autumn, Corbidge has been squatting at the Gosforth Park hotel and commuting back to his wife and new haby in Leeds. His move coincided with a massive investment in the North East by Siemens.

Plain wordy

A LEAKED circular from Lloyds Bank lands on my desk. It is a "Change of Titles" memorandum that ought to have the supporters of the Plain English Campaign choking on their vowels. For example "With effect from January I, the Operations segment within branches will be known as Customer Services - both managers, operations and operations managers will in future be titled customer services manager."

AND you thought Securties and Futures Authority was a mouthful. Germany's securities regulator. which met in London yesterday for talks with the SFA, is the Bundesaufsichtsarnt für den Wertpapierhandel

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Can Brown learn Clarke's tricks?

INFLATION AND INTEREST RATES

If the pound is too strong, it brings balance of payments and inflation troubles

nce again Kenneth better economic judgment than the sionals in the financial markets. The Chancellor's decision to raise interest rates by only a quarter point last October was a quarter point too much for my liking, but it was not remotely tough enough to satisfy the City commentators baying for economic blood.

Ever since the Budget, City commentators have been foarning at the mouth about a repeat of Nigel Lawson's boom-bust cycles. But there has been no Christmas shopping frenzy, despite the reports of consumer stampedes on the high streets.

Demand was decent in the Christmas sales, but by no means excessive. More importantly, as evidenced in yesterday morning's inflation figures, there has been very little sign of inflationary pressure originating from the steady increase in consumer spending and jobs. Against this background, it was hardly surprising that Mr Clarke decided against any further increase in interest rates this

Mr Clarke, then, has clearly won the first round of his battle to convince the markets that British economic policy needs nothing more dramatic than a modest mid-course correction. There is no Lawson-style boom under way and none on the horizon. despite the Pavlovian association between Britain's supposedly "politicised" system for conducting monetary policy and destabilising pre-elec-tion booms.

Forgetting politics and looking purely at the economics, Mr Clarke has almost certainly been right not to tighten economic policy any more than he did in November. But looking further ahead, is it really possible that Novemher's quarter point increase in base rates will be all the monetary tightening needed for the inresemble future? And has the Budget, reasonable though it was as an interim measure, really done enough to maintain a sensible rate of demand expansion and put Britain's public finances on a

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sound footing in the long-

term? The answer is surely that, although we are not facing any kind of emergency, more action to restrain the economy will eventually be required Britain is not on the brink of an unsustainable boom and, in common with the rest of the world, is benefiting from a long-term structural decline in inflation. But this does not mean that demand should be allowed to

accelerate unchecked and that the modest cyclical build-up in inflationary pressures to-wards the end of this decade should simply be ignored. The from crude and heavy-handed policies against inflation. But having gone through all this pain, a situation has now been created in which it is relatively easy to control inflation and it would be folly to throw this opportunity away. It is inevita-ble, therefore, that some fur-ther tightening in monetary or fiscal policy or both will therefore be required in the next few years. The question is how this tightening should be imposed. In the short-term a realistic judgment continues to be what it has been all along: that base rates would rise one more time before the election, probably at .

the next "Ken and Eddie" meeting on February 5, which will come just after the publi-cation of fourth-quarter GDP figures, provided these figures are reasonably robust. After that monetary policy will quite sensibly be put on hold until

What happens beyond that will depend on who wins the election and what tax and spending policies they adopt. The general assumption is that interest rates will rise

become preoccupied with an enigmatic quality called "fi-nancial confidence" and sacrifice all their other policies to 'defend" the pound.

It is quite possible that Gordon Brown's first act in office will be to step straight back into the straitjacket of a financially oriented monetary policy, from which Britain was liberated on White Wednesday. This is, indeed, the most likely prospect. If so, Mr Brown's main priorities will

6 In the Lawson boom, financial by-products of house price rises did the real damage 9

quite sharply if Labour is elected, but will move only slightly, peaking at 7 per cent or lower, in the unlikely event of the Tories being returned to

This would be a reasonable view if Britain were still operating in some kind of fixed exchange-rate system. When monetary policy is guided by the currency markets, the paramount considerations are not, as they should be, the prospects for domestic demand, Instead governments

bility" with the financial markets and to show off his virility as a champion of the hard pound. He will raise interest the real boom-bust cycle which has dogged British economic policy for almost 100 years: the boom of an overly strong currency followed by the bust of a balance of payments and

There is, however, another possibility. Perhaps Mr

inflation crisis.

be clear; to establish his "credirates sharply, allow sterling to float upwards and set in train

strong exchange rate and learn the lessons so successfuldrawn by Kenneth Clarke from the failures of Nigel Lawson and Norman Lamont. The Tories, on the other hand, could ironically find themselves suffering from their own successes if they were returned to power. Suppose, first, that the Tories win the election. There would quite possibly be a

previous Labour government

was destroyed by an overly

further upsurge in consumer confidence as Tories went out to celebrate, while Labour voters drowned their sorrows in the shops. More seriously. the stockmarket would enjoy a runaway boom as the threat of the windfall tax was lifted. There would also be no prospect of any government action to discourage consumers from spending the £20 billion worth building society windfalls that they are due to receive in the next 12 months.

Taking all these factors together, an increase in interest rates to 7.5 per cent or even higher would be reasonable to expect, and even to support. Without an increase in interest rates to well above 7 per cent. there would begin to be a serious risk of economic overLETTERS

BUSINESS

Mis-selling started at top

From Mr John Page Sir. I endorse almost all the points that Pennington makes over the appalling pensions mis-selling business.

perhaps 1998, but certainly by

Now consider again the prospect of a Labour government, but with the additional

assumption that Mr Brown

wants to maintain an easy

monetary policy and to curb the pound. Mr Brown would

have to stick to the present

Government's broad budget

numbers in his first financial

year, which would already be

under way. But despite this, he

would certainly hold a mini-

Budget as one of Labour's first

At a minimum this would

enact the few tax promises that

Labour will make - the

admirable idea of a windfall

tax on utilities to pay for extra

programmes on youth unem-

ployment plus the foolish com-

mitment to remove value added tax from domestic fuel.

and perhaps one or two other

small measures such as the

symbolic introduction of a 15

per cent tax band for the low

That, however, would be only the bare minimum agenda for Labour's first Budget.

In addition, Mr Brown could

include a host of measures on

corporation tax, pensions and

financial services. North Sea

revenues and various tax-

avoidance loopholes. These

would bring in substantial tax

revenues and reduce the bud-

get deficit significantly from

1997-98 onwards, without

breaking any election promises or damaging the buoyant

With a little ingenuity, Mr.

Brown could also devise poli-

cies to encourage building so-

ciety windfalls to be channell-

ed into long-term investment

rather than consumption and

to prevent rising house prices

from leaking into consumer

spending through "equity re-

lease" and excessive mortgage

borrowing. In the Lawson

boom, it was these financial by-products of the house price

boom that did the real damage

to the economy, not the rise in

If Labour were imaginative

and alert enough to produce a

tight post-election Budget

along the lines above, the

monetary outlook for Britain

would be transformed. Inter-

est rates would have to rise

only very slightly, if at all, to

control inflation and no fur-

ther action would be needed to

preserve financial confidence

and assure a stable and rea-

Is this just wishful thinking?

Probably. But Kenneth Clarke

has surprised the pundits and

the markets with his good judgment and his willingness

to learn from his predecessors

mistakes. Perhaps Gordon

Brown could pull off a similar

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sonably valued pound.

house prices per se.

prospects for jobs.

acts in office.

However, I must take exception to the words 'how far up the industry the mis-

selling went'. It didn't go up - it started at the top and to a very large extent did not percolate down. The fact that, to them, fairly inconsequential fines are being levied on the blue chip banks and life offices surely proves this.

We have a hard enough time in a murky world please do not put us in the same category as the insti-tutions who are presently under fire from the regulators. Yours faithfully

JOHN PAGE Heywood Robertson Investments Limited, 44 Welbeck Street, Wt.

Direct transfer of shares

From Ms Susan Kelly, Sir, I was sorry to read Colin Dennison's letter of January 7 about the Halifax's refusal to issue his free share allocation in the name of his wife, not least because I had been intending - more in hope than expectation — to ask them to perform a similar service for me. However, Mr Dennison is misled in thinking the transfer of the shares after issue to be uneconomical in small quantities: direct transfers between individuals do not go through a stockbroker and can be done with a stock transfer form and the price of a stamp. In the hope that this cheers up Mr Dennison, i remain Yours faithfully. SUSAN KELLY. 227 Popes Lane, W5.

Not in the can yet

From Mr Simon Spaiding Sir. in his article on January 6, Richard Thomson recounts observers' views on DreamWorks' "failure to make a splash with a big film or an animation Given our first feature film is not due out until later this year and our first animated film until 1998. might I suggest that these observers are indulging in a little premature wishful thinking. Could it be they don't want a new kid on the block? Yours faithfully, SIMON SPALDING,

DreamWorks SKG. 2 Roundwood Avenue. Stockley Park. Uxbridge, Middlesex.

Flexible ways of the Panel exceptionally hard to beat

he alive, would find a worthy target in the Takeover Panel The very name conjures images of gas lamps and cobwebs; of greying gentlemen pondering leather-clad tomes in dingy offices, the air thick with smoke and decay. It has the air of a Victorian institution, a cosy club, an anachronism. All the more startling, when one considers that this most angust of City institutions is

This "clubbishness" has dogged the Panel over the years, and with good reason. All but one of its directorgenerals - the head of the executive that takes the day-today decisions - has been drawn from the ranks of merchant banking. Meetings take place behind closed doors. Decisions are published in stiff communiques. Arcane, perhaps — yet the Panel insists that it is any-

not yet 30 years old.

thing but a club. Its membership is as diverse as one could hope for spanning Bank of England appointees industrialists, bankers and regulators. These "non-executives" are one step removed from the handson Panel executive. made up of bankers, lawyers and accountants seconded from their respective firms. The executive takes the decisions. The Panel sits to hear appeals, and holds quarterly meetings - as it did on Wednesday evening. The structure is flexible and responsive, steered by the guid-ing principles of the City code

on takeovers and mergers. And its offices? They may be a little basic, but dingy is going too far. The Panel Jon Ashworth on a watchdog keen

to preserve its freedom of action

occupies the entire twentieth floor of the London Stock Exchange, literally and metaphorically overseeing its constituents. It might be a little lacking in frills - try telephoning it, for instance — but one should not be too harsh. The Panel is often in the news, most recently in the case of North-

em Electric and the matter of an undisclosed fee to Barclays de Zoete . Wedd (BZW), its adviser. Yet, penetrating the foe remains as difficult as ever. Alistair rent directorgeneral of the Panel executive, insists the

"dub" image don't think The Stock Exchange, home the idea that it to the Takeover Panel is a cosy City dub stands up

to inspection," he says. "What I think we are is a very efficient way of resolving disputes that inevitably come with disputed bids, with speed, flexibility and, above II with fairness." Mr Defriez, who is on a

two-year secondment from

SBC Warburg, concedes that

bankers and corporate finan-

ciers often find themselves at

opposite ends of the same

table. He has a unique experience of this, having defended Northern Electric against the original Trafalgar House bid. Nicholas Durlacher, chairman of the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), is both a Panel member and a director of BZW. William

Staple, who retired as direc-

tor-general last March, is the younger brother of George Staple, head of the Serious (SFO). His predecessor. Frances Heaton, is a director of the Bank of Engband. So it goes on.

Many of the players do another the "old school tie" element is forcibly pressed. Mr

"We benish Defriez says: from our minds any thought of who's going to win, and who's going to lose, not fa-vooring one side or another. We're like a referee at a sporting event. Do we award a penalty if a foul has been committed? Our main purpose is to ensure fair treatment for investors in the target company, and fairness between competing bidders.

apply the code according to

overs since its formation in 1968, and prides itself on its non-statutory status. This freedom to move without recourse to the courts was endorsed in the wake of the Guinness Affair, although Brussels poses a continuing threat. A proposed European Commission directive, published in a watered-down form in February 1996, has yet to go before the European Parliament.

Vague as it is, the directive would compel the Panel to transpose itself under a legal framework, making it much more open to legal challenge. Mr Defriez says: "It would be easier for people to take a grievance to court. What we fear is essentially tactical litigation - the defending side trying to stop the whole Directives are normally im-

plemented at the national level by statutory means Peter Frazer, a long-serving member of the Panel executive, had this to say, ahead of his retirement last year: "We have survived for so long because we can be flexible and can evolve to meet new situations. We can move quicker than any court or judge. And because we are voluntary, we get exceptional high-quality seconded staff." Mr Defriez and his colleagues will be hoping the arrangement continues, whatever the Panel's detractors

that cannot be bought.

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McKay higher

Mckay Securities, the property development and investment company, lifted pre-tax profits to £1.68 million. from £1.4 million. in the half-year to September 30, reflecting new lettings at Staines, Bicester, Sutton and Parkside, and lower interest costs. Earnings were 4.6p a share (4.4p). The interim dividend is increased to 2.3p a share, from 21p.

BLP disposal BLP Group, the wood

veneer manufacturer, is to dispose of Berg-Profiles, its American division. A management buyout team will pay \$2.1 million for the business and assume debts that stood at \$1.53 million at the end of December. Berg-Profiles lost \$140.000 in the year to December 31, 1995, Disposal of the division will will give rise to a goodwill charge of £250.000.

Easdaq \$1bn

Easdaq, the pan-European stock market for growth companies, will have a total market capitalisation of more than \$1 billion less than two months after securing its first listing. Shares of Mercer International, a company incorporated in America but based in Switzerland in the pulp and paper manufacturing sector, will begin trading today, giving the company a market capitalisation of \$160 million.

BT agrees | First Leisure goes for growth with £100m investment plan

FIRST LEISURE has earmarked £100 million for new openings across its leisure businesses that will create about 2,000 jobs in the next

The projects include the building of two new snowdomes - indoor skiing centres - and rapid expansion of the newly created health and fitness chain. The company said that it

would spend about £55 million on new investments this year, compared with £30 million in the previous year.
First Leisure yesterday un-

veiled a 9 per cent increase in full-year pre-tax profits to £44 million. Overall turnover rose 15 per cent to £183 million.

Michael Grade, chairman, said the company had benefitted from a sustained improvement in consumer confidence throughout the autumn. But shares in the company fell Stap to 336p because of profittaking and concerns about the impact of the cold snap on Christmas trading.

The nightclub and bar division increased profits 16 per cent to £22 million. The com-



Graham Coles, First Leisure's finance director, left, and John Conlan, chief executive.

pany said it had improved corporate and party business at its venues and was aiming to add six new nightclubs this year, bringing the total to 40. The company will also con-

tinue the expansion of its Brannigans pub brand from the existing four sites. Profits in the sports division rose 15 per cent to £13 million.

boosted by rising admissions

ny's bowling centres. First Leisure, of which John Conlan is chief executive, said that it was aiming to develop a wider entertainment concept at the

centres, building arcade at-tractions as well as bar and restaurant facilities. The company added that the first Snowdome, at Tamworth, traded well in its first year.

The resorts division, which includes Blackpool Tower, increased profits 15 per cent to £10.7 million. But profits in the bingo division fell from £1.7 million to £200,000 because of the continuing negative im-pact of the National Lottery and write-offs for new

Bingo admissions declined 17 per cent on a like-for-like basis, although First Leisure said that spending per head was above expectati

The company said it would continue with its programme of new openings under the Riva brand and that it was confident of being in position to benefit from prospective deregulation measures. Profits in the theatre division also fell.

The company added that recent trading remained gen-erally strong. The total dividend was increased 9 per cent to 8.44p. A final dividend of 5.93p is payable on April 8.

Surveyors sight building revival

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

CONSTRUCTION is on course to come in from the cold this year after further improvement in the amount of work at planning stage. Workload in building has

risen to its highest level since 1993, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, which also forecasts more optimism for the industry. The latest Rics survey shows a rise of 2.4 per cent in construction workload in the last quarter of 1996, compared with the previous quarter, and a 4 per cent increase on the

same period in 1995. Workload and expectations from the Rics are seen as a good indicator of future growth because of the earlystage involvement of surveyors in building work. Richard Houghton, for the

Rics, said: "Progress made by the construction industry over the last 12 months is nothing short of remarkable. With conditions in place for sustained growth, there is good reason for optimism. The industry remains extremely competitive, with margins cut to the bone. With a greater number of developments now committed, and more to come on stream, it is full steam ahead

for the construction industry. Private commercial develcoments have fuelled much of the workload increase, with rhat sector up 3.5 per cent. Private housing halted its long-term decline and held steady in the last quarter. Social housing, however, fell by I per cent on the back of cuts in government grants announced in the Budget.

Small firms voice fears on 48-hour work week

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, ROCIAL AFFAIRS

MOST small businesses fear the maximum 48-hour working week being imposed by Brussels and the minimum wage proposed by Labour, according to a survey today. Nearly every employee who

works more than 48 hours does so as a volunteer, the British Chambers of Commerce discovered after questioning 517 firms, each with fewer than 50 staff.

The Department of Trade and Industry is consulting employers about imposing a 48-hour week after the European Court of Justice rejected the UK's challenge to the directive. Almost half of British small firms rely on at least one member of staff working

Only 9 per cent of those workers have such a long week written into their contracts. The rest are volunteers. The 48-hour week is op-

posed by 67 per cent of small

which has been promised if Labour wins the election. is also widely opposed. Only 19 per cent of small firms thought it was the best way to

wage is crucial. If it was set at £3.50, as aides to Tony Blair, the Labour leader, have hinted, it would affect just 15 per

cent would increase prices.

Allied Textiles sees profit slip

BY OLIVER AUGUST

in a former communist business venture has yet to benefit the manufacturer and processor of textiles.

Pre-tax profits fell from £18.9 million to £18.4 million in the year to September 30 for Allied Textiles, which last year acquired Halbmond, a carpet maker more than 100 years old, situated in Saxony, eastern Germany's new industrial powerhouse. Under communist control, Halbmond supplied rugs to the Soviet bloc.

Allied's earnings per share feil 0.8p to 18.7p. The full-year dividend is up to 7.8p, from 7.3p. Peter Honeysett, Allied chairman, said: "It will take time to integrate this longterm investment into our business and harvest its undoubted profit potential.

ALLIED TEXTILES' interest - The impact on our profitability is unlikely to be significant for the next couple of years." The group said its diversified businesses all operating "well in line with their budgets

overall", as a rise in activity

continued into the new year.

Mr Honeysett said: The directors remain committed to the improvement of sparevalue by organic growth, acquisition and by disposal where necessary, and we are looking forward to yet another satisfactory outcome

to the current year. He said of the carpets side of Allied: "Carpets has been a beneficiary of much manage ment attention as we have sought to restore the fortunes of a sector of our business which has underperformed for a number of years."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Eastman Kodak rises to \$1.25bn

EASTMAN KODAK, the photographic systems and prod-ucts company, reported a rise in net earnings to \$1.28 billion for 1996 from \$1.25 billion in 1995 and launched a \$2 billion share buyback.

Net earnings fell in the fourth quarter to \$164 million, from \$275 million, while earnings per share fell to 49 cents, from 90 cents. The quarterly dividend is increased to 44 cents a share (40 cents). George Fisher, chairman, said that the company continued to improve its cost structure. Revenues were \$15.96 billion in 1996, rising from \$14.98 billion previously, with fourth-quarter revenues of \$4.41 billion, compared with \$4.19 billion. The company has seen growth in emerging markets, including China, Russia and Eastern Europe.

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Goldsmiths placing

GOLDSMITHS GROUP, the retail jewellery chain, is raising £4.05 million through a share placing to accelerate its branch opening programme. Jurek Piasecki, chairman and chief executive, said the company, which trades under the Goldsmiths and Walker & Hall banners, planned to open 15 branches each and wanter of rish danners, planned to open is dranches each year. The company has abandoned plans to acquire the UK jewellery business of Signet. Shares of Goldsmiths are being placed at 370p. Existing shares rose 9½ p to 389½ p yesterday.

Intercare in the red

INTERCARE GROUP, the supplier of healthcare and mobility products, incurred pre-tax losses of El.12 million in the year to the end of October, compared with profits of £2.48 million in the previous 12 months. Losses were 6.7p a share (earnings of 5.3p) and the total dividend is held at 3.5p a share, with a 2.8p final. There was a net charge of 23.26 million against disposals. Profits from continuing activities were £2.2 million (£800,000 previously).

Coda losses at £4.9m

CODA GROUP, the specialist computerised accounting systems company, reported pre-tax losses of £4.9 million for the year to October 31, compared with profits of £1 million previously. Losses were 18.8p a share (earnings of 2.5p), and there is again no dividend. However, the shares rose 22½ p, to 125p, after the company reported progress in restructuring its distribution channels, with a number of new clients being won. Last year the shares traded at 289p.

Nobo dividend held

NOBO GROUP, the specialist presentation and business products company, is holding the interim dividend at 2.29 a share. In the half-year to November 1, the company lifted pre-tax profits to £919,000, from £880,000. Earnings were 4p a share, little changed from 4.01p previously. The Group turnover fell to £22.8 million, from £23.5 million, reflecting a 9.5 per cent decline in sales generated outside the UK. The shares closed unchanged, at 934 p.

Vega lands £4m order

VEGA GROUP, the software and systems engineering company, has won a £4 million-plus order to develop simulation and real-time test control systems for the Ministry. of Defence's Land System Reference Centre. Vega, part of and consortium led by Syntegra, the systems integration business, of British Telecom, also reported pre-tax profits of El-4 million (El-27 million) for the six months to October 31. Earnings ruse 3 to 6.35p a share (5.9p). The interim dividend is 1.91p (1.75p).

Finelist leads car parts market after £61m deal

FINELIST is to become the biggest distributor of car parts in Britain with the purchase of Ferraris, the specialist car supplies merchant, Tomkins for £61 million. Chris Swan, Finelist's chalr-

man, said the deal was the culmination of a 50-year relationship between the two companies, and will deliver immediate cost savings. The buy, which includes

debt of £9 million, is being financed by £16 million in shares, and a rights issue to raise £35 million. Ferraris is the market leader in specialist car parts supplies. It runs 17 warehouses and, like Finelist. guarantees same-day delivery. Finelist carries a more limited range, but operates from a



network of 218 stores. While the two companies will be run separately, both order from suppliers. Finelist said that joining forces would

profit from the automotive industry's shift towards a smaller client have.

Finelist is offering 11.6 million new shares at 320p each on a 4-for-17 basis. Its shares raced 3212p to a new high of 39712p yesterday, valuing the company at £196 million.

The deal comes six months after it bought Motor World, Britain's second-largest high street parts dealer, for £48 million. Mr Swan, who floated Finelist at £28 million three years ago, said the merger had gone better than expected.

He said overall trading was going well, and forecast a 73 per cent leap in profits for the six months to December 31, to more than £7 million. The interim dividend is expected to be

businesses, mainly because they believe working hours should be decided between employer and worker. Only 10 per cent support the directive. A statutory minimum wage,

tackle low pay.

The level of the minimum

cent of the firms. At £4.25, which the TUC is likely to demand, it would affect 55 per cent. Most firms believe such a high minimum would reduce their profits, 44 per cent would have to cut their workforce and 33 per

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Ring in the new

FOR anyone who fears that when Sir Simon Rattle leaves the CBSO the orchestra's interest in contemporary music will go with him, reassurance is at hand. Sakari Oramo, who will be taking over from him next year, is clearly dedicated to the cause. Although he will not often have the opportunity to conduct a programme as challenging as that which he performed with the BBC Philharmonic in a Studio 7 concert this week, he has both the ambition and the

technique to do it. The most problematic item was Kaija Saariaho's Du Cristal: a mass of sound rolling, turning, writhing and thrashing about in a manner which is as disconcerting as it is exciting. Oramo retained external control over it without taming its inner turmoil. No less encouraging was the performance of Lutoslawski's Chantefleurs et Chantefables which - with the conductor's wife, Anu Komsi. as the

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soprano soloist poised between expressive innocence and technical sophistication was a delightfully detailed display of instrumental and

Having begun the concert with Magnus Lindberg's Away, written three years ago in memory of Witold Lutoslawski, the BBC Philharmonic was no doubt relieved to end it with Nielsen's Fourth Symphony. The Inextinguishable is not an easy score, but its difficulties are at least familiar. For the audience, on the other hand, close to the sound in Studio 7, the experience was anything but famillar. The structural profile was firmly and effectively drawn: the textures needed the perspective of a larger hall.

GERALD LARNER

One-woman jukebox

ALTHOUGH Eddi Reader won a Brit award as recently as 1995, she has perhaps been better known in recent years for her role in the television series Your Cheating Heart. Others are most likely to recall Reader's time with one-hit wonders Fairground Attrac-

tion and their only hit. Perfect. At the Bridewell she presented a classy and mature set of songs, mainly drawn from her impressive last album. Candyfloss and Medicine. Reader cuts a strange figure in her pigtails and glasses, breaking into a hopeless hippy dance routine last seen at Stonehenge circa 1972. You

cannot help but love her for it. Musically, too, she is full of surprises. Sometimes she sounds country, often she sounds as if she comes from California rather than Caledonia. Then she slips into Butterfly Jar, with its vaguely Arabic feel, followed by a Cubantinged Find My Love.

vocal characterisation.

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Eddi Reader

She is a musical chimera: one minute her volce reminds you of k.d. lang, the next of the late Sandy Denny. At other times she sounds like a female Nick Drake or Tim Buckley. The effect is compounded by her tendency to drop snatches of other songs into her own numbers, so that All or Nothing briefly becomes Patsy Cline's Crazy, and Honey Child turns just as fleetingly

Come All Ye. The end result is not the mish-mash this might suggest, but a beguiling mix that sums up Reader's unique talent. The word that kept springing to mind was not so much perfect, as nice.

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The Polish composer Witold Lutoslawski, who is celebrated at the Barbican this weekend, always denied that his passionate music mirrored the turbulent events of his life.

Last chance for new music

Richard Morrison reports on the belated attempts to persuade music-lovers that 20th-century composers have something to say

the 20th century, the British public still fails to be enthralled by 20thcentury music, it won't be for lack of opportunities to hear the stuff. In the last few years there have been dozens of festivals devoted not only to top avant-garde names -Boulez, Berio, Ligeti, Birtwistle. Stockhausen - but to

f, even at this late hour in

music that 99.9 per cent of them will never sample. And the contemporary-music blitz is intensifying. Once, the feeling was that you could convert people to an adoration of the discord by many cultish minor ones as well. Taxpayers and BBC lislipping it surreptitiously into concerts. For instance, a stren-

uous atonal number might be sandwiched between a Rossini overture and a Tchaikovsky symphony. But audiences hat-ed this condescending subterfuge. You don't go to a bookshop to buy Pride and Prejudice only to be told that you can't have it unless you read Finnegans Wake first.

proach is favoured. You don't present one difficult work by an avant-garde maestro: you throw his entire occurre at the public, plus lectures, exhibitions and film-shows. It's exhausting and exhaustive, and great fun for fanatics and critics (who may, of course, be the same people). And when it works, as with the Phil-harmonia's recent Ligeti se-

ries, there is a real buzz.

But does it get through to the ordinary punter? This spring we may find out, for never have so many contemporarymusic blockbusters been presented at the same time. Simon Rattle's ten-year Towards the Millennium series bursts into life again with a dash through the often preposterous but entertaining classics of the 1960s. Similarly ambitious, the BBC's threeyear Sounding the Century

project starts next month.
The London Sinfonietta surveys the best new British composers in one mad February weekend. And this weekend the intrepid BBC Symphony Orchestra leads a bold Barbi can celebration of Witold Lutoslawski, presenting 30 works by the Polish composer who died three years ago. Since much contemporary music is still regarded as

"impossible" even by regular concertgoers, why do its passionate champions in the BBC and elsewhere persist in pouring money into it? The cynic would answer that these are people whose jobs depend on trick. That is too brutal an analysis. The passion is mostly as sincere on the one side as the incomprehension is genu-ine on the other. The problem is one of continunication.

> **6** Certain composers act like high priests in a secret cult 9

When we encounter anything new we look for a handle to grasp. The trouble with the postwar avant-garde was that the music itself rarely offered a handle. Beethoven, Brahms and Mahler rejoiced in making explicit their symphonic drama. Too often the hardline serialists actually strove to

conceal their thinking.

And even those who wrote emotional, accessible music.as did the genius being celebrated this weekend - often approached the matter of enticing the public with all the enthusiasm of scientists working in a secret missile bunker. That was certainly the case

with Lutoslawski. His life was the history of 20th-century Europe in microcosm. His father was executed by Bolsheviks, his brother executed by Nazis. He himself was cap-tured by Germans in 1939, escaping to live under cover in Warsaw. Later, he was declared persona non grata by the Soviet Union, but he lived to help to supervise Poland's first democratic elections.

It was a remarkable life. Yet Lutoslawski not only discussed it with reluctance, he also refused to confirm what seems obvious to all his admirers: that his intensely dramatic music mirrors real events. "For me, the two worlds, musical and actual, don't overlap," he told me. And to underline his point he offered this example: "I conceived my First Symphony during the German occupation of Poland. Any day you could be taken to Auschwitz or shot. Yet it is a rather cheerful work!".

Such smoke-screening reticence is, in its way, admirable - and was perhaps a necessary part of Lutoslawski's mental equilibrium. But if Lutoslawski's champions had more effectively put across his story" - no matter how lowbrow such an approach might seem — then many more people would be attending the Barbican or tuning to Radio 3

The fact is that when it comes to grabbing an audi-

ence for serious art — particu-larly in the face of competition from hugely-hyped films and suchlike - most tactics are legitimate. The purists may object to prying biographies that reveal the sex lives of great writers, or compilation albums that extract "greatest hits" from operas, or TV documentaries that "trivialize" major artists. But these are all extending a welcoming hand to outsiders. Unfortunately, the dominant post-1945 composers affected a snooty dis-

dain for such tactics. Today the tide is turning. In America composers such as John Adams grab their public by ripping operatic plots straight from the news headlines. The minimalists win big audiences by laying out their musical techniques like children's building bricks: a direct break with European obscurantism. The exciting younger generation of British composers attract big, predominantly young followings with a corus-cating brand of quasi-political or religious fervour. And the intelligent adult end of the rock market is increasingly overlapping with contemporary "classical" music.

Rather late in the day, 20thcentury composers and their impresarios have realised that they are in the mass-communications business, not high priests in some secret sect. We don't owe composers a living," a silly politician once snorted at me. Actually, we do - the best of them, anyway. But they owe us something in return. They must never retreat into their ivory towers again.

• Lutoslawski is at the Barbican

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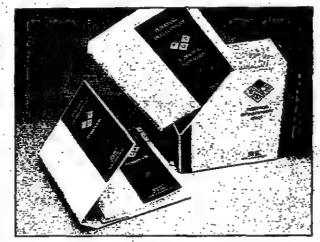
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Oliver's antidote to attitude

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Dippermouth Blues (ASV CD AJA 5218) WHETHER or not this particular 73-minute selection from the music of jazz's great pio-neer does indeed, as billed, consist of "his 25 greatest" recordings is highly debatable; what is beyond dispute is that it provides a fair representation of a uniquely important career. Beginning with the legendary Creole Jazz Band, it covers the various line-ups known as the Dixie Syncopators that operated between 1926 and 1928, and culminates in the more sophisticated arrangements Oliver's orchestra recorded in 1929-30. At its best Oliver's music provides a welcome antidote to much of today's jazz with "attitude".

GEORGE GRUNTZ CONCERT JAZZ BAND The MPS Years (MPS 533 552-2)

INSPIRED by the adventur-ous big band of US trumpeter Don Ellis and the New Yorkbased outlit run by Mel Lewis and Thad Jones, Swiss pianist George Gruntz first formed a big band in the early 1970s,

has been combining the tal-ents of both

expatriate and visiting Americans with those of European musicians to great effect. This album documents the band's 1970s work, with the playing of stellar guests such as tenorman Joe Henderson (whose meltingly lovely Black Narcissus is the set's highlight), guitarist John Scofield and drummers Elvin Jones and Peter Erskine. This rich collection sheds welcome light on a comparatively neglected area of jazz — the European radio big band tradition — and highlights some great players.

BIG BAND DE LAUSANNE WITH JOE LOYANO AND KENNY WERNER

(TCB 96502) PERHAPS because it is built round pjanist/arranger Kenny Werner's own rhythm section, and features an old Werner sparring partner -samphonist Joe Lovano - this US-European collaboration

avoids the most common pitfall associated with

such projects: the "parachute" syndrome, whereby stellar talents drop TAKING recent pop songs --by Björk, Sting and Abba. in, amaze the locals, and are among others - as their basic then spirited away to fresh material. Dutch saxophonist glories elsewhere. The fact that the bulk of the compositions are provided by Lovano (two thunderous bustles) and Werner (three absorbingly multi-textured themes) also

helps, but it is the commitment, skill and adaptability of the Lausanne regulars that scal the album's success. Lovano takes the lion's share of the soloing duties, but it is Werner, whether as soloist, composer, arranger or conductor, who is the artistic hub of this fine live recording.

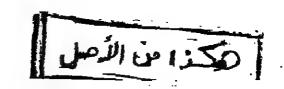
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Yuri Honing's trio have created an intelligent, varied programme on this, their third CD, ranging from languorous, late-night mood music to fierce, freeish scrabbling. hesitant . Walking on the Moon that brings out all the lazy reggae feel latent in the original, and a hypnotic Waterloo which transforms Abba's theme to wistfully melancholy modern jazz.

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POP I

With vocal cords to die for, Brian Kennedy deserves fame outside Ireland as well as inside



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They are big in America, but can Bush persuade the home market that the grunge sound still has legs?





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Daft Punk, the duo of Thomas

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contrast are numbers where

the ghost of 1970s disco is

revived thanks to the use of

folloping, octave bass lines.

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RELEASED only on vinyl in October. Archive's debut is

now available in more mod-

ern formats. A mixture of gloomy atmospheres and slow

shuffling beats, it is essentially

a post-trip hop album with

Singer Roya Arab has a

cool, jazz-influenced voice, but

she rather spoils it by writing lyrics such as "Go away, you fill my headspace with evil thoughts unkind". Mean-

while, rapper Rosko John makes a valiant effort to keep

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Alan Jackson meets Brian Kennedy

e has one of the most extravagantly beautiful male voices in popular music, recording moders originals that at once stay within the Celtic tradition and update it. He is also a dazzling interpreter, able to make you hear as if for the first time lyrics made famous by Sam Croke. say, or Van Morrison. His new alizum, A Better Man, held even teenheroes Boyzone off the top spot in their native Ireland. And Morrison prizes him so highly that he has awarded him residency in his band. So why doesn't Britain realise the star it has in Brian Kennedy?

The waswer lies in an almost and that mean getting jobs immed tembook case of advenumes good and tracely the others thought, building each in a potentially wicked world. Since But I'd moved away from home My daily life has often to make it as a singer, not

seemed like an attempt to wade through the syrup of the music business with whatever honesty and integrity I can muster," says the man who, if talent is rewarded, will-end 1997 with a far higher profile than that with which he

One of six children brought up on Belfast's Falls Road, he recalls a

childhood punctuated by the sounds fried bacon, so they wanted to make of explosions and sirens, and says that the sense of confinement this brought went beyond the merely geographic. The sense of being mentally enclosed goes in tandem with physical enclosure. And you either accept dust; or hunger for a :different reality. After I got ever cours interest of The Adventures mean hitial fear of it. Phecame very curistia about the wider world:

Now 30, Kennedy remembers courted one. in with the boy-code of playing sport and fighting. Music meant nothing there I was mortified when in a class of 25, I was the first to repeat a note. pitch-perfect for the singing teacher; the implications were at once awfuland really great. Iracreasingly, after that, I got a reputation for laving a bit of a voice. Still, though, singing remained a largely clandestine

At 16. Kennedy was invited to joinhis older brothers five-piece band. After: 18 freezing months living together in a caravan, a squat in north London, a few doors down from that occupied by fellow Belfast band The Adventures, seemed a warmer option, and Kennedy abandoned his Alevels to cross the Irish Sea. "I had to

give singing a good shot, because auding else marie me feel as useful."
He gous at the memories surrounding his emigration. "I moved here on July 11, 1985. The flight from Bellast took an hour, but I was an hour and a quarter getting from Heathrow to Tottenham on the Tube - I remember thinking, just how big is London? And two days later it was Live Aid. Suddenly, it seemed like the whole world was having a party." Reality soon hit.

"Simple. We needed money to live

to make it as a singer, not a construction worker, so I fell into performing in plane bars instead." From Irish-themed wine bars to lightspots such as the Hippodrome, he refined the art of crooning Cole Porter to candlelit couples. At weekends, it was back to the band.

But they'd spent their time digging holes in the road and wolfing down

loads of aggressive noise, whereas I ... Creative differences, in short. Disengagement was painful, but a suggestion that he listen to and learn from the Billy Idol LP Rebei Yell finally made it necessary. At once, he was a solo actist, and, thanks to the Simon Fuller (later to manage Annie - Lebnor and the Spice Girls), a much-

as to why an impressive debut album, 1990's The Great War of Words, made zero impact on daytime radio programmers and, hence, on record buyers. "I was so proud of it, and had worked so hard, and naively thought that my enthusiasm would entimes other people. When it didn't, I was left thinking, But it's really good: What else does it have to be?" astrionable, I now realise."

A similarly acoustic second LP made with the former Fairground Attraction writer Mark Nevin met a similar fate, and a dispirited Kennedy found himself accepting Fuller's advice to negotiate his way out of his



deal with RCA. "It felt oddly good to be a free man again. Afterwards, I spent two months travelling slowly by rail from New Orleans to New York, getting up to sing in places if I felt like it, or the situation arose naturally. People would say, 'Great! You should do this for a living, and

I'd reply, 'No, I don't think so'." A voice this good cannot stay silent, though. "If you call yourself a singer, you should be out there singing," is

his own admission. And, gradually, his luck began to change. Morrison, on hearing Kennedy's version of his song Celtic Ray, asked to meet him: a four-year stage and studio friendship has resulted, with the younger man's vocal presence reviving memories of the veteran's own, earlier self. Better still, perhaps, he has had the satisfac-

tion of being re-courted and re-signed by RCA.
"I'd love to be the most successful

singer who's ever been, because of the artistic freedom afforded you at that level," he muses. "Equally, I'd settle for being at this same level in 20 years' time if it meant I could still be

singing live and making records."
If justice is done, he will be closer to the former than to the latter come the

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Stars without their stripes

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sold fewer than 50,000 copies. This glaring contrast speaks volumes about the gulf between British and American tastes. While our key artists have either rediscovered the verities of good, straightforward songwriting or else pionecred new directions in dance, the American heavyweights remain stuck in a post-grunge quagmire.

By some curious cultural quirk Bush have got the latter formula to a T, even going so far as to hire Steve Albini (who produced Nirvana's In Utero) to oversee Razorblade Suitcase. The result is an album which shamelessly apes the Nirvana sound and songwriting style, but never achieves the ferocious sense of mission or transcendent melodic appeal of Kurt Cobain's band.

Gavin Rossdale's voice alternates between a croaky. edge-of-despair rasp and a full-blooded howl of anguish. But the words are as meaningless as the titles: "Best of my ability/ Chasing watercans/ Here's tomorrow man/ Best of my civility," he sings, as if proclaiming some painful, yet unspeakably profound, truth.

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Cool in the Seventies, tiresome by the Nineties: Caitlin Moran debunks a famous 50-year-old

The last three weeks have seen column miles taken up with "David Bowie is 50!" tributes — you know the kind of thing. "He's broken the 50 barrier, he knows what drum'n bass is, and he still does crazy things with his hair!" How, we might wonder. has Bowie kept the secret of

that he hasn't. There are a million ways of illustrating how embarrassing Bowie is now; how he has become sumblind from staring into the

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name "David Bowie" on a new album, listen to it with rosetinted ears that they wouldn't lend to any other lost, desperate AOR scene-jumper. Imagine a world where

David Bowie was a primary school teacher from 1965-1997. On reaching the age of 50, he decides to send off some songs he's recently recorded in his shed. Do we really believe that record companies would eagerly sign up a 50-year-old man with no new ideas, wonky eyes, manky hair, LA teeth and a tartan suit, who talks like an animatronic statue in Piccadilly's Rock Circus? Of course not, because there's already one Michael Bolton. and the world isn't crying out for another.

Most artists have a "point"

to them — Oasis are there to be huge and anthemic, Pink Floyd were there to be huge and druggy: New Order were there to be sleek, melancholy and modern. When any band change their essence, be it through loss of a band-member or a new musical direction. then they have to be reevaluated - otherwise the music press becomes a bizarre House of Lords, with critical respect being doled out through some "hereditary

David Bowie's "point" was to be a wired man from Bromley, inspiring new scenes as and when the mood took him, and being justified in doing so through the ribcrushing genius of his musical output. When his music lost the power to bruise a shrew. let alone crush ribs, then his constant reinvention no longer became an interesting talking

I guess it depends what generation you come from -

Bowie in his flash, brash, trashed years there will be oceans of forgiveness before they give up on him. However. anyone under the age of 25 will probably have first come to Bowie twitching his thespmuscles as the Gnome King Jareth in Labyrinth, and then sat back in amazement through ten years of appalling albums (Black Tie White Noise, Outside, Tin Machine). bewildered as to why the man

was so lionised. On reaching the Mature Years (18.19), one might finally tire of The Wonder Smil, and get around to listening to some classic albums, of which Bowie has many. When playing the heroically ruined Low one would finally see the point of Bowie, and indeed come to love him as one loves one's own internal organs; and would therefore further resent this crange-faced bandwagonumper that is Eighties and Nineties Bowie. Why couldn't we have had him in the halfway decent years?

is involvement with ply embarrassing. drum'n bass is simand brings to mind the dreens of third-rate bands in the late Eighties who noticed the "Madchester" scene was lucrative, and suddenly developed a "dance element" to their music. Bowie's adventures in drum'n bass are quite clearly normal, sixth-rate Bowie songs with drum'n bass looos tacked to them - and even that stunt isn't original: Everything But The Girl were doing it two years ago.

So, to recap. In the Seventies he was Ziggy, the Thin White Duke, impeccably cool. The Eighties: designer suits, designer wife, Tin Machine. The Nineties: he's been out-reinvented by a singing dental assistant and her husband. What is the point of David Bourie naw?



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Waterfront Hall is by unitation only. However, there are a lew trakes available for romorrow right's concert at 7 45pm when the flautist James Gelway joins the Ulater Orchostra as guast conductor/soloict, with Marisa Robles on harp Thon, at 8pm on Sunday the calabitation sportro. Sunday, the calabraised soprano
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A pint in the stalls, please Daniel Rosenthal on a growing initiative to bring

local for a quiet pint and what happens? theatre productions to pub-goers all over Britain The barman is still counting out your change So, while London's awards Britain. By year's end, 145 when a couple leap to their again go to well-established venues, including The Gate in pubs from Argyil to Belfast and Bristol will have staged 42 feet, announcing that they are competitors in a game that is a

Guinness-backed shows. Last vear's inaugural scheme had a much narrower reach: seven pub theatres in London each won £10,000. and the chance to develop their winning production with the Royal National Theatre Studio. For 1997, the project was expanded to foster a nationwide pub theatre circuit.

"By bringing shows into staged live drama, and which, in many cases, are located miles from any theatre; we ans. The Lescar isn't your: wanted to widen opportunities for small-scale companies and audiences," explains Lynn Shepherd, public affairs man-

Notting Hill, which have theaires seating up to 100 above. beside or behind their host pubs, companies performing outside the capital will be using stages normally occupied by stand-up comics, or simply clearing away tables to

Sarah Downing and Karl Townsend of the Reflex Theatre Company rehearse their award-winning show Lock In at The Lescar pub in Sheffield

create makeshift auditoria. Until he agreed to stage Reflex Theatre's Last Orders for three nights last summer. which may never have . Paul Wyatt, landlord at The Lescar, had only booked folk and jazz bands and comeditypical disco and karaoke pub. but we'd never offered theatre," he says. "Reflex were were very popular with our

of risk in booking Lock In for a whole week, but I think it I go really well."

Reflex artistic director Liz Tomlin, relishing a £7,000 award seven times larger than her average production bud-get, says: The young people who watch our pub shows wouldn't generally go to a proper theatre like the Cruciple, so we're trying to convince. them drama can be as enter-

taining as live music." Nick Hennegan, the artistic: director of Maverick Theatre, one of four Midlands winners, paints a similar picture: "Around 30 per cent of our pub audiences have never been to a theatre, and another third go at most twice a year." Maverick's £9,000 award

the premiere of his new play. The Ghost of a Chance, in a function room at the New Billeseley, Birmingham, starring Paul Henry (destined to be remembered forever as Benny in Crossnoads).

in May and June, Theatr. Bara Caws (Bread and Cheese Theatre) will visit 30 pubs and clubs all over Gwynedd with their winning entry, a Welsh language comedy set in a private health clinic:

And in Scotland, Invisible Bouncers are using their £10,000 award to develop new work in remote Highland communities. The company's founder, Alastair McDonald, is siming for "punchy, musicdriven shows exploring land ownership and nationalism". The first stops on their pub. tour will include the tiny inn at Glenuig (adult population: 32) - a venue which, says Mo-Donald, "is probably paradise

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Taganrog, Chekhov's home town, but in the very playhouse to which he came as a boy. The second was at the Moscow Art Theatre itself. What she was like in the role we must surmise from her rendering of part of

from treading where no British player had ventured before is never in doubt .-

She was fascinated, enchanted, moved, and communicates all those; feelings, bringing alive the camaraderie of the provincial company and the stranger, sadder welcome she received at the famous one. The actor playing Simeonov-Pishchik, who makes a special bond with Charlotta, died immediately after her arrival and just before

her first performance, so with virtually no rehearsal she found herself with a deeply grieving company, acting opposite a stand-in.

Her show needs running in and: though not at the cost of informality. maybe a little tuning. But if Blakiston takes it on the road, as she should there will be time for that. It is already a pleasure to spend 100 minutes in the company of an actress who, I'm sure, left her Russian colleagues feeling as warmed as they did her.

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and served a writ for infringement

on the defendants, one of its

The defendants sought an order dismissing the plaintiffs' claim for

infringement on the ground that the patent had been revoked. The

that the revocation was a nullity.

EPC as such was an international

treaty, taking effect only in inter-

national law. The UK provisions

which implemented it were con-

Section 77(4)A, as inserted by paragraph 21 of Schedule 5 to the Copyright, Design and Patents Act 1988, provided that where a Euro-

pean patent was revoked in ac-

cordance with the Convention the

patent was to be treated as having

been revoked under the 1977 Act.

The plaintiffs argued that Par-liament only required a European

patent (UK) to be treated as revoked if that revocation was in

ordance with the Convention.

So it was argued that the words

vited and required an inquiry

into any purported revocation to see whether it really was in accordance with the EPC and that

it was open to the patentee to rebut the prima facie conclusion that the

nt had been revoked by show-

ng that the tribunal ordering the

His Lordship said that he had no

that all Parliament had re-

doubt that the defendants and the

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quired in the 1977 Act was proof

that the EPO had, acting in purported exercise of its powers

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ntiffs resisted that, contending

It was common ground that the

principal commercial adversari

Effect of European revocation

Regina v Comptroller of Patents. Designs and Trade Marks, Ex parte Lenzing AG Lenzing AG v Courtauld (Fibres) Ltd and Others

Refore Mr Justice Jacob Judgment December 201 When a European patent granted

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by the European Patent Office, hich took effect in the United Kingdom as a European patent (UK), was subsequently revoked the EPO Board of Appeal, the Comparoller of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks was obliged on receiving notification of the revocation to make an entry to that effect in the UK's register of patents.

A decision of the EPO was an international decision which was not subject to the supervisory jurisdiction of the national courts norwithstanding that the Patents Act 1977 caused the EPO's decisions to be recognised in the UK as a matter of national law.

Mr Justice Jacob so held sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing applications for ju-dicial review by the plaintiffs. Lenzing AG, and in the Patents of the Chancery Division when dismissing the plaintiffs claim for infringement of patent by the detendants. Courtaulds Fibres Holdings Ltd. Courtaulds pic and Courtaulds Fibres Ltd.

Mr Peter Prescott, QC, Mr Mark Hoskins and Mr. John Mr Simon Thorley, QC, Mr David

for the Home Department.

Regina v Same, Ex parte ...

A blanket prohibition on the use by

a journalist of material gathered on a visit to a prisoner unlawfully

interfered with the prisoner's right

Mr Justice Latham so stated in

the Queen's Bench Division in a

reserved judgment when allowing

applications for judicial review by

lan Simms and Michael O'Brien.

they could not receive visits from

journalists unless the journalists

gave undertakings that no ma-

during visits would be used for

Mr Tim Owen and Ms Philippa

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MR JUSTICE LATHAM SEIG

mandatory life prisoners, of de-cisions of the Home Secretary that

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professional purposes.

COURSES

Ex parte Simms

to free speech.

Before Mr Justice Latham

[Judgment December 19]

Waugh for the defendants; Mr Richard Arnold for the Comptroller of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks.

MR JUSTICE JACOB said that until 1978 a patent for an invention in the United Kingdom could only be obtained by application to the UK Patent Office under the procedures laid down by the Patents Act 1949 and the rules made pursuant

Patents in other countries had to

be obtained by applications to the national patent office of each concerned. That was widely regarded as wasteful, particularly since each country had its own distinct, substantive laws of validity and infringement. Accordingly in 1973 several European countries entered into the European Patent Convention (EPC) which set up the EPO in Munich. The Patents Act 1977.

was passed to give effect to, inter-alia, that Convention. The broad position thereafter was that the EPO operated as a central processing patent office for es which were members of the EPC. Once the EPO granted a patent it took effect in each state in the same way as a patent from the national office of that state.

Prisoner's right to free speech

unless the interference with the

right to freedom of speech was the

the legitimate requirements of the

prison service as set out in section

47 of the Prison Act 1952 could be

met, the standing orders and guidance under which the under-

takings were sought were ultra vires: see R v Secretary of State for

the Home Department, Ex parts Leach (1994) OB 1981, His Lord-ship was bound by Leach.

The right of free speech included

a right of access to the media. His

Lordship considered that a restric-

tion preventing a prisoner commu-nicating orally with a journalist on a visit unless an undertaking were

given was a restriction on free

The test was whether the restric-

tion was necessary to achieve the statutory objectives of keeping the visits within sensible bounds for

the ordinary management of the prison and the discipline and

control of inmates. Proper disci-

pline and control included consid-

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minimum necessary to ensure that

which came into force in mid 1978,

An EPO patent took effect in the UK as a European patent (UK). One could not simultaneously have a European patent (UK) which was granted by the EPO

Regina v Secretary of State that the applicants argued that

patent office. There was a system of opposition whereby it was to apply within nine months to the EPO to have a European patent revoked and a revocation worked for all desienated states as a central knock-

In 1989 the plaintiffs applied for patent in the EPO for a process for making cotton-like fabric from wood, and the patent was granted in 1992. Opposition was entered in the EPO by, inter alia, Courtaulds pic who believed that the patent represented a major threat to their investment in new plant in the UK.

: In 1996 the EPO Board of Appeal revoked the patent. The decis revoke was duly communicated to the comptroller who caused an entry to that effect to be made in the UK register of patents. The communication took the form of the supply of information on a tape or disc which the comptroller simply ran to alter the electronically kept register. He did not and did not purport to exercise his

The plaintiffs applied for a variety of forms of relief arising out of the allegations that the EPO Board of Appeal had mishandled the opposition to their patent and wrongly ordered that it be revoked.

They sought judicial review of the decision to revoke and of the comptroller's decision to mark the UK register of patents with the revocation. Alternatively, the plaintiffs invoked the the jurisdic-

Rule 33 (1) of the Prison Rules (SI

1964 No 388) was lawful in includ-

appropriate on communications between inmates and others.

on communicating with the media by letter save where the immate

was making serious representa-tions about his conviction or

sentence or was otherwise part of a serious comment about crime, the processes of justice or the penal

Once it was accepted that the

right of free speech entitled an inmate to write to the media in that

restricted way, the right of access to the media to make the identical

points orally seemed to his Lord-

ship to follow unless there was

some justification for restricting

that form of access, as there undoubtedly was in relation to

The blanket prohibition on mak-

ing use of material obtained in a

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system, met the Leech test.

It followed that the prohibition

under the Convention, revoked a European patent. Once that was shown then English law automatically treated the European patent and the European patent (UK) as ing "the interests of any persons" as a material consideration when The comptroller in making the entry in the register was acting in a purely administrative capacity, deciding what restrictions were

ust recording what had

This country had agreed with other member states of the EPC that the final arbiter of revocation under the new legal system was the Board of Appeal of the EPO. Other states would be justly entitled to complain if this country were to ignore such a final

The EPO was clearly recognised on the plane of international law. The 1977 Act caused its decisions to used here as a matter of national law. But its decisions remained decisions at the interational level so it was no business of the UK courts to go into them.

The applications for judicial review and rectification of the

proceedings were dismiss Solicitors: Clifford Chance; Simmons & Simmons; Treasury

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register and the pending patents

Gerber Garment Technology Incorporated v Lectra Sys-

Before Lord Justice Staughton. Lord Justice Hobbouse and Lord Justice Hutchison [Judgment December 18]

There was no rule of law which timited the damages recoverable by a patent holder against an infringer to the profits which would have been earned in activ-ities for which the patent provided a monopoly. The judge was en-titled to make no findings as to what actual sales the patent holders would have achieved, and instead to award a percentage of essarily would have been made by the patentees' empire.

Damages could also be awarded for loss of profit for patents which were endorsed licences of right by virtue of paragraph 4(2)(c) of Schedule I to the Patents Act 1977 and damages were not limited to the basis of a reasonable royalty. The Court of Appeal so held in a

reserved judgment in an appeal brought by the defendant infringers, Lectra Systems Ltd, against the amount of damages awarded by Mr Justice Jacob on March 20, 1995 to the plaintiff patentees, Gerber Garment Technology Inc for infringement of their patents, in addition, the Court of Appeal

beld (Lord Justice Stau dissenting on the facts) that although in principle the parent of a wholly owned subsidiary could recover damages in respect of the parent's loss by reason of the subsidiary's misfortune when the subsidiary had no cause of action and the parent did, in the present case those losses had not been

Mr Geoffrey Hohbs, QC and Mr lain Purvis for the infringers; Mr Christopher Floyd, QC and Mr Mark Vanhegan for the patent

LORD STAUGHTON said that the invention for which the two patents were granted was a machine process for the automatic cutting of fabric, known by the acronym CAM, computer assisted manufacturing. The appeal could be dealt with under four heads. What was the scope of recovery for infringement of a patent?

The rights which a patent conferred were demonstrated by section 60 of the 1977 Act. Mr Hobbs submitted that the damages which a patent holder could recover from an infringer by way of loss of profits were limited to the profits that would have been earned in activities for which the patent provided a monopoly.

in other words, any activities of the infringer that did not in themselves constitute infringe-ments could not form part of a 3 Damages based on an average of the loss of several chances

ages on the basis that the patentees ald have achieved 15 sales if the infringers had not made their 25 wrongful sales. There was evidence of the circumstances of those 25 but the judge had not identified 15 which would have been achieved by the patentees.

spare parts (damages \$365,750). servicing (damages \$954,085) and the springboard damages (\$250,800) which related to goods sold after the patent had expired. Infringement of a patent was a statutory tort and in the ordinary way one would expect the damages ruter aided design machines. werable to be governed by the same rules as with many or most

Their Lordships were referred to Halsbury's Laws of England (4th edition, volume 12, paragraph 1128 and following to establish: (i) that the overriding principle was that the victim should be restored to the

position he would have been in if no wrong had been done and (ii) caused by the wrong and (iii) not excluded from recovery by public What was now said was that either the general rules did not apply to the Patents Act or else there was now a fourth limitation

purpose of the present case, that submission would disqualify the

claim for 12 computer aided design

machines for which the judge awarded US\$237.090. Those ma-

chines could be sold by the

infringers without infringing any

right of the patentees; they were

The argument also extended to

not within section 60(2) or (3).

which must be satisfied derived from the speech of Lord Hoffmann in South Australia Asset Management Corporation v York Monta-gue Ltd [1996] 3 WLR 87).

In his Lordship's judgment, viewing the patent cases as a whole, there was no rule of law which limited the damages for infringement in a patent case in such a way as to exclude the loss claimed by the patentees in the present case. The present appeal, in so lar as it sought to restrict the scope of recovery, would be

2 Could the patentees claim for losses suffered by their

His Lordship was in agreement with Lord Justice Hobbouse and Lord Justice Hutchison that in law the parent of a wholly owned subsidiary could recover damages for the parent's loss by reason of misfortune that had fallen upon the subsidiary, when the subsidiary had no cause of action against the wrongdoer and the parent did have a cause of action. His Lordship differed however on the question of fact, whether the patentees had proved in the present case that they had suffered loss, and how much was needed to compensate them.

While his Lordship readily acknowledged that that was a question on which two views were ossible, he preferred the conclusion of Mr Justice Jacob that as a self-evident starting point, a dollar lost to the subsidiary was a dollar

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Mr Justice Jacob awarded dam-

Nor, in consequence, did he identify the profit lost on each particular machine. He simply awarded 60 per cent of the total sum claimed as loss of profit on the 25 machines. The judge adopted a similar method of calculation for spare parts, servicing and com-Mr Hobbs submitted that the

judge was wrong in law to adopt the method which he did; and he should have made findings relating to the individual machines. In his Lordship's judgment the

patentees' loss in the present was a question in the second class of case laid down in Allied Maples Group Ltd v Simmons & Simmons [1995] 1 WLR 1602; it depended on the hypothetical actions of third parties, the buyers of the infringing machines. The judge was entitled to conclude that the patentees had lost a chance of making sales to those buyers and entitled to evaluate the chances as whole, rather than separately.

4 Licences as of right and interest His Lordship agreed with the judgment of Lord Justice

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said he agreed with Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Hutchison on the first, third and fourth matters. leane 2: The subsidiaries

The patentees' case and the

upon treating it as self evident that every dollar lost to the subsidiary educed the value of the parent's shareholding by a like amoun In his Lordship's judgment, the

position of parent companies and their subsidiaries varied widely. Further complications could arise where, as in the present case, the patentoe company was not the ultimate holding company but was itself just one intermediate company in the hierarchy of a larger group of companies which was run in the overall interest of the group. In such a situation, it did not follow, absent insolvency, that the value of the subsidiary or the results of its trading would be passed on in full or at all to the intermediate parent.

in his Lordship's judgment the infringers' (actual argument was entitled to succeed under this head and the award of damages should be reduced by excluding the loss claimed to have arisen from the losses to the subsidiaries.

said that so far as the second issue was concerned he agreed with the judgment of Lard Justice Hobbouse.

While there might be some very simple and straightforward cases in which, upon proof that a wholly owned and solvent subsidiary company had suffered a loss in a in sum, it would be legitimate to infer an equivalent loss by the parent, the present case, was far from being such a case.

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Issue 4: Licences of right Mr Hobbs submitted that a plaintiff should not have an en-tirely free hand as to the manner in which he advanced his claim for damages for intringement, and that in the particular circumstances of the present case the judge ought to have confined the calculated on the basis of a

reasonable royalty. His Lordship could not accept Mr Hobbs' argument for the following reasons:

l There was nothing in the authorities to suggest that a patenter who could prove that he had suffered damages in the way of loss of profits was to be confined to a claim on the royalty basis. The cases established that a patentee who could not prove such damages night nevertheless obtain damages on the notional royalty basis. 2 The suggestion, in so far as it was made, that in a case where the patentee could prove that he would have made the infringing sale could as a matter of discretion be confined to notional royalties was inconsistent with the general rule reaffirmed by Lord Wilberforce in General Tyre and Rubber Com-pany v Firestone Tyre and Rubber Company Ltd ([1976] RPC 197). 3 The ground of appeal depended

upon a broad anack on the judge's approach to the assessment of damages succeeding and there was sufficient evidence to enable the Judge to have reached an assessment of lost profits. 4 Accordingly, the infringers' argu-

ment on discretion was unsound. However, the appeal would be allowed to the limited extent that the judge's order for interest would varied so as to deprive the patentees of any interest on the post-expiry claims. Solicitors: Needham & Grant:

Greenwoods, Peierborough.

Correction in R v North Staffordshire Health

Authority. Ex parte Wormington and associated cases (The Times December 24, 1996) leading counsel for the pharmacisis was Mr Duncan Ouseley, QC. In In re Polly Peck International

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"By the time they get to the

"By the time they get to the assessment centre," Miss Lyons says, "we know that they are bright people who have got through a tough interview and tests. We need to know how they work in a team environment. Do they have the sensitivity to deal with other people in groups and to influence them?"

This is what assessment centres aim to bring out through a host of team exercises such as problem solving by committee and the "in-tray exercise", where the group has to prioritise the dozens of tasks a Mars manager might find on his or her desk.

iss Lyons says students are not under constant scrutiny at the centre, however. Assessors do not "hide behind pot plants", although it would not be a good idea to get drunk at dinner. "That would be a shame because although it is not an assessed dinner, it is fairly formal," she says.

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There is no dinner for candidates with their assessors at the 24-hour Marks & Spencer recruitment centre. They do not so much as share a drink at the bar. Kate Orebi Gann, a senior manager with the company, says: "We don't believe those social bits are part of the job. The centre tries to reflect as closely as possible the work the individual would be doing to give them the opportunity to display the skills they will need in the job."

This is why work experience has become even more essential for undergraduates hoping for a top appointment. Only a few university courses call for regular group work and other skills employers

value, such as oral presentation skills. Work experience
can be vital preparation for the
assessment centre experience.
Andrew Bottomley, director
of the careers advisory service
at Reading University, says
students have to tune into the
employment market increasingly early. "It is a vastly
changing environment. Because of the explosion in

undergraduate places, it has become very competitive."

At Reading, an introduction to the careers service has become part of the first-year course. During their third term, students must attend a presentation, including a video made by final-year students, featuring interviews with graduates about the university activities which helped their job prosperts.

their job prospects.

He says: "One of the most critical messages is that you have only two main summer vacations and these are the times you need to start getting some insights into the world of work. You cannot just drop into work experience. You have to plan it.

rankly, it is disastrous these days to leave it all to the end. The world of work is too competitive to leave job planning to the final term. Believing that a degree must equate to a career is not valid any longer."

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Mike Kitlingley, a senior manager at Midland Bank, says Midland takes about 60 graduates from the 4,000 applicants to its executive trainee programme. Up to 250 are chosen to attend the bank's 24-hour residential assessment centre. These candidates are



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Punters in the job market?

selected on three criteria: academic and non-academic records at university, and motivation and knowledge about Midland Bank and the financial services industry.

The better people are grows.

The better people are going to be offered positions by a number of employers and what will turn Midland Bands on is not only someone with an academic record and whose non-academic interests and achievements are good, but also someone who can show they are motivated. Some people almost say, what has Midland Bank got to offer me, but it has to sure knoth ways.

but it has to work both ways."

The bank uses its assessment centre as part of the "two-way" selection decision. First, the candidate meets recent graduate recruits and senior managers and learns more about the bank. Secondly, he or she also undergoes a series of individual and group tasks so the bank can find out more about the armicant

more about the applicant.

Mr Killingley says: "We are trying to give them a flavour of working for a very diverse financial institution." The exercises reflect day-to-day scenarios. "People don't falk so much about jobs for life but for us there is a real return because there are opportunities to work here for quite some time. If people can adapt, and keep their skills up to date there are on-going opportunities, so it is worth it for us to put those resources in."

His advice to students?
They should make use of their careers service. They should know where it is in the first year, and in the second year they should visit it. It is no good going in in the third year and saying: What do employers want?

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students should make the most of their time at university to give them a head start in the career stakes



Studying for a degree can be a long and hard process, but obtaining full-time employment can be even tougher

Why tradition is still the best bet

sity students will take his or her final examination having already been offered a job. A wide-ranging survey of final-year students concludes that those who enjoy this enviable position are more likely to come from old

A growing number of grad-uates admit that their first taste of employment will be in whatever job they can find to pay debts, whether or not it is elevant to their career plans.

This polarisation has followed the gradual decline in traditional graduate opportunities which has accompanied the doubling of student numbers since 1990. As companies seek fewer general managers, there are not as many old-style management training schemes, for example.

The burgeoning number of graduates seems to be convincing employers to concentrate on a narrower, not wider, range of institutions. At one end of the scale, high-flyers from a select hand of universities choose between offers from several top companies. At the other end, students at former polytechnics, with de-

through the door. This is the conclusion of the Institute for Employment Research in its report Great Expectations, an analysis of the experiences

them to go out and find a job.

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"New university students

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The old graduate labour

grees that are often more

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and expectations of more than 5,000 final year students at 21 institutions. Kate Purcell. who wrote the report with Jane Pitcher, says: "You still get big employers laying on grand

champagne receptions at established CHARTER universities and natural trying to persuade are appointments, whatever scientists to become accountants, while for students studytheir degree performance." ing accountancy at new universities the onus is on

cruitment material. The retransferable skills and pay lip and widening access but invariably recruit from the same narrow range."

is highly competitive, they say,

sometimes get jobs with bluechip companies, but these companies do not generally go

Further disadvantages for students at newer universities

are also exposed by the research. Kate Purcell says: "Employers were said to use A-level results as a kind of filtering mechanism, so that and those who had come into higher education by nonstandard routes

were in danger of being excluded before they could enter the contest for many gradu-

Students are scentical of the buzzwords in company remeasure of frustration with employers who daim to seek service to equal opportunities

The graduate labour market

on an individual's own initiative. The positive aspect of this is that employers will often consider applicants who approach them on their own initiative. Careers advisers stress the advantage gained by students who begin their job search activities early and are prepared to approach employ-

ers directly and market them-selves effectively." Twenty-five per cent of the final-year students said they would take the first temporary job they could get to pay off bills. The average amount of debt was £2.925, including money owed to the Student Loans Company, with nearly one in five expecting to owe more than £4,000 when they

finished their degree. The outlook for graduates is, however, not entirely gloomy. The Association of Graduate Recruiters, which represents hundreds of employers of all sizes, forecasts an above-average rise in earnings for graduates this year and an 11.5 per cent increase in vacancies.

The average starting salary for graduates last summer was £14,750, which was an increase of 5.4 per cent on the previous year.

'I applied to the Foreign Office'

om Miles, 23, knows that the cises demanded by leading employers. He language skills he has gained from has just received his first rejection, from a four-year degree in Chinese and the Civil Service, after trying for one of its must choose one of three responses to a Russian at Leeds University give him a head start. But even final-year students with the world at their feet have to endure a gruelling round of interviews for the

most coveted graduate placements. "We had a special careers visit just for our department from a firm of international lawyers," says Tom, who has also applied to several large companies in Hong Kong. "I have always been aware it is not going to be difficult for me to get a job. It is more like I am spoilt for choice." However, he still has to compete in the psychometric tests, general knowledge examinations and problem-solving exer-

the Civil Service, after trying for one of its fast-stream places.

Tom says about 8,000 people applied for the ten coveted Foreign Office appointments. "About 2,000 took the examination and 350 survived, including me," Tom adds. "There is then a two-day assessment centre and interview stage."

There were 30 applicants at the centre who were interviewed by each of three assessors. They had psychometric tests and various individual tasks. For the intray exercise, candidates have 90 minutes to read a bundle of documents and decide action to take. There is a summarising

tricky situation and back it up under heavy questioning later. "Each has its pros and cons; there is no right answer," he says. "It is just a matter of being able to

argue the case." Candidates were asked to describe their personality from the point of view of their best friend, worst enemy and university lecturer. In group exercises, the applicants have to reach a decision in front of the assessors, then have to take turns chairing a committee to solve a problem. "This took two days during term-time," Tom says. "They delve into your inner soul and leave you feeling completely exhausted."

mma Hutcheson accepts that she will have to spend at least a year doing voluntary work before she doing voluntary work before she lands her first "proper job" in the media. All of her extracurricular efforts so far, including work experience at the BBC before her English course at Reading University, will give her only one foot in the door of her chosen field.

Emma, 21, is in her final year. Her ambitions lie in working in television or journalism. She says: "I have wanted to go into the media since I was 14 or 15, but also wanted to see what other opportunities there were.

She says that her year off before university, when she spent several months shadowing a floor assistant at BBC Television Centre, was a good idea. 'My personality developed and I became more confident," she explains. "I met lots of different people."

The long search for a proper' job

Emma has learnt how to type, and taught art in a local school through Community Service Volunteers, the educational charity. She applied to two advertising agencies last term after hearing about the opportunities at the university careers service, which also talked through her applications with her. This was useful, especially for deciding how to approach such questions as: which three things would you take to a desert island?

She has also used desktop publishing software while writing and designing a guidebook for undergraduates for the university careers service. "I would like to be a floor assistant," she says, "but I know I need a lot of work experience first.

"People who are doing the businessstudy side of things are going into high-powered jobs and know they are going to get money straight away; but some of my riends know they cannot just walk into the jobs they want, and if they want to do journalism, they will have to spend a year doing a course for it."

Is there anything she would change? "I would have gone to the careers service in my first year," she says. "I didn't go into it until three-quarters of the way through my second year, which gave me only one summer vacation to do something towards my career. The first summer I was just earning money."

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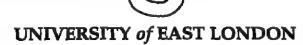
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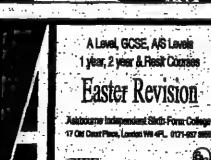
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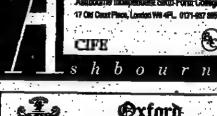
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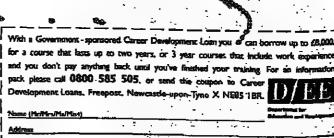


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Marketing team targets punters

RACING

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

AFTER concentrating their meagre resources on promoting Sunday racing sponsor-ship and attracting new racegoers, the small marketing team of the British Horseracing Board (BHB) intends to do more to encourage High Street punters.

The subtle switch in strategy, which is aimed at shoring up racing's declining share of numover in betting shops, has prompted the creation of the Off-Course Betting Development Group — and its first task will be to examine the scope for a small stake big win. Superbet."

Peter Jones, the BHB member who is chairing the committee, said yesterday: "Racing's biggest source of revenue is the levy and racing's share of the off-coursemarket is under significant threat.'

The increasing appeal of sports betting the introduction of fruit machines into betting shops and lottery-style 49s has reduced the proportion of off-course betting turnover: on horses to around 70;

"I don't want this group to be yet another cumbersome committee which takes ages to. do anything. This is quite: urgent and a lot of the infor-

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

tote jackpot meeting

Our Newmarket Correspondent

mation we need is available. That is why we hope people from the offcourse market that are involved in this will "Some people within racing

take the erroneous view that bookmakers are not interested in racing turnover and are much more interested in other kinds of product. If any company thinks it can afford to ignore two-thirds or more of its turnover it is barmy - and

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the bookmakers certainly are not barmy."

The first initiative of the new group, funded jointly by Ladbrokes, the Tote and the BHB, will involve Professor Neville Topham of the Centre for the Study of Gambling examining the Tote Jackpot, Tote Direct and the scope for a Superbet. Deregulation will be also high on the agenda. Lee Richardson, the BHB marketing director, added: "It is vital we persuade Govern-

ment to do away with restric-

tions concerning advertising betting on racing. Pools and bingo can advertise and we are in danger of becoming the only mainstream gambling product not allowed to use mass-media techniques."

Richardson has come in for criticism since starting a marketing department from scratch three years ago, but yesterday he produced figures to show that from a marketing investment of just over £1 million, new revenue of £16 million had been generated from new owners, racegoers and sponsors.
Unfortunately, the scope of

his four-strong team is restricted by a budget which is pitifully small. Richardson's for marketing has remained unchanged this year at £460,000 - or 3.3 per cent of the BHB's racing administration fund.

Whole media channels are completely out of bounds. We can't use posters, television or radio other than on a very tactical basis."

According to his statistics, the average advertising-promotion spend per racegoer in Britain is 16p — compared to 68p in Ireland, 93p in Japan, £1.47 in the United States and £4.03 in Victoria, home of the Melbourne Cup.

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3.40 ASHFORD NOVICES HURDLE

(26,376: 2m) (13 runners)

BETTING: 3-4 Omin Dave, 5-2 Philip's Woody, 11-4 Bity Smale, 4-1 Le Melle, 50-1 Rose King.

1998: TOUREEN PRINCE 13-10-7 J Culloty (5-1) Miss H Knight & so

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BETTING: 7-4 Tim, 3-1 Olympion, 4-1 Discki Dancer, 6-1 Festivate Counts, 7-1 Calendy Boy, 14-1 Linic Science, 33-1 Schiller.

1990: SPEAT EASCRY 6-11-3 R McGrath (7-1) W Stoney 12 Ran

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

4.10 ROYAL MAIL HANDICAP HURDLE (\$3,615: 3m 110yd) (7 nuners)

FORM FOCUS

1998: KARSHI 6-11-4 J Outome (6-1) Miss H Keight, 14 mm



Woodlands Genhire, the 100-1 winner of the Stephen Little and Dick Reynolds Bookmakers Handicap Chase at Taunton yesterday, clears a water jump flanked by ice removed from the

obstacle The 12-year-old, ridden by Carl Liewellyn, was recording his first success for almost four years and the victory ended a losing run for his

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trainer, Peter Pritchard, which had extended over more than three years. "I'm glad for him to be in the winner's

spot as his owner, Joan Preece, has been loval, sticks by her horses and has had this one with me since he was a three-year-old," Pritchard said. "I didn't back the horse but was going to have a tenner each-way until our first runner went so badly in the seller."

Pritchard ruled out entering Wood-lands Genhire in the Grand National, but nominated the Midlands National at Uttoxeter as a likely objective.

On a day of surprise results, Sam Rockett landed the Pickeridge Selling Hurdle at odds of 16-1 for trainer Peter Mooney, and the Chris Pophamtrained Olliver Duckett, at 14-1, took the Bickenhall Novices' Handicap Chase.

HOCKEY

Confident Slough prepare for showdown

BY ALIX RAMSAY

SLOUGH travel to Crystal Palace this weekend with much on their mind. They have the defence of their indoor national league title to take care of and the more pressing concern of their European indoor campaign at the end of February to prepare

Still, they have made a good enough start to the domestic league, sitting at the top of the premier division table, ahead of Hightown on goal difference. Over the coming two days of competition they must face Leicester, Chelmsford and Olton before the final showdown with Hightown on

Sunday afternoon.
Slough, though, are never anything but confident, and this year, in particular, they have good cause to be. Their outdoor squad is at its strongest for many seasons, with most of those players putting themselves forward for the indoor competitions as well. Even when affected by illness and injury, they can still win. Two weeks ago they scored a total of 21 goals in two matches despite missing the services of Sally Eyre. Helen Thornally. Julia Robertson and Ashley

Wallace. Their opening match saw them beat Ipswich 6-2 despite the Suffolk side being one of the early favourites. Slough were at full thronde against Sunton Coldfield, sweeping them away 15-2 and, regardless of the ease of the win, sticking to their game-plan until the final whistle.

Using the opening encounters to try a few new tactics in preparation for the European indoor club championship. Slough are now determined to kick-start their preparations with victory at Crystal Palace. Sue Chandler, one of the club's stalwarts and a member of England's indoor European Cup-winning side last year. has few doubts about their chances or the importance of the Hightown match.

"Hightown may have lost a couple of players and they may be playing down their chances, but there is no such thing as a bad Hightown side," she said. "It will be no surprise to anybody if we bout get to that last match undefeated. But for us, with the strength of squad we have and with the flair players we have. it will be a huge disappointment if we don't win. We know we will not have reached our full potential if we lose."

IN BRIEF

Top Britons tempted to leave home

THE men's field for the AJ Edge national squash championships next week has been severely depleted because of the lure of competitions abroad (Colin McQuillan writes). More than half of the leading Britons will be missing from the Manchester Northern Club, with Mark Cairns, from Oxford, the England No 4, emerging as the top seed when the draw was made yesterday.

However, a full women's

field will compete, with Cassandra Jackman and Sue Wright seeded ahead of Suwright sector arread of Suzanne Horner, the champion, TOP SEEDINGS: Men. 1. M Carns (Odordshire), 2. S Meads (Berkshire), 3. A Gough (Walec), 4. N Taytor (Lancahrer, 5. P. Johnson (Kerd), 6. J Ramsone (Essa) Women: 1. C. Jackman (Notch), 2. S. Wight (Kenl); 3. S. Horner (Forkshire), 4. J. Mertin, (Northumbrials; 5. L. Chamman (Susseu), 6. F. Geaves (Gloucostershire)

TV deal reached

Rugby league: Prospects for a united game in Australia improved yesterday with an agreement by Channnel Nine Television, which broadcasts the Australian Rugby League, to screen rival Super League and international matches. The two competitions start in March. Maurice Lindsay, the Super League International Board chairman, said: "This could be the first step towards a single game in Australia. which would be to everyone's advantage."

☐ Andy Farrell. the Great Britain captain, is struggling to recover from a thigh strain in time for the World Nines in Townsville, Australia, from January 31 to February 2.

Feltham retires

Cricket: Mark Feltham, the Middlesex all-rounder. has retired after persistent back problems. He started with Surrey in 1983 before moving to Middlesex ten years later. scoring 3,186 first-class runs and taking 3SS wickets during his career.

3.10 Philip's Woody

.40 RUMMYNEDE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NORICES HANDICAP HURDLE

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TRAINERS

Lingfield Park Going: standard

1.30 (1m 4f) 1. Zacaroon (D Biggs, 12-1); 2. Labudd (9-1), 3. Coolean (9-2), Certolis Marc 100-30 fav 13 ran, 5h bd. 1%l, J. Pitch-Heyes, Tote: £15-80; £4-80, £4-80, £2-70, DF: £67-40 Tho: £201.50 CSF-£113-90, Treast: £25-79 2.00 (1m) 1. Souking (D R McCabe, 2-1) 2. Môc (5-1) 3. Our Shardes (20-1). Second Colours G-4 law, 11 cm 40, 144 P Burgoyne, Toke: \$2.70; \$1.10, \$1.50; \$3.50 DF \$6.30 Tok: \$27.02 CSF \$10.76. 9.00 (6) 1 Mellow S Drawne, 9-2; 2. The hubble Boy (5-1); 3. Rock To The Top (10-1) Sharping 100-30 by 10 ran. 11. Mi.

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4.00 (7) 1, Sen Denzig (D Harrison, S-1);
2. Star Tatent (3-1 tax); 3. Lancashire
Legent (20-1), 17 can. Hd, Ht. J Bridger.
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1.60 (2m helie) 1, Fastini Gold (M A Rizgerald, 4-1 g-lav); 2, Astral Invasion (14-1); 3, Cesmic Star (6-1), Little Hooligan 4-1 k-lav 10 ren. NR: Premier Star (8-1), Little Hooligan 4-1 k-lav 10 ren. NR: Premier Star (24 00; £1 40, 54 30, 53 20, DP: £56 10, Trice £99.80, CSP: £54.40, Invasit £311.34 2.10 (3m ch) 1. Imperial Vintage (N-Wilsembon, 7-2): 2. Fortunes Course (5-1): 3. Dark Oak (16-1) God Speed You 13-8 fav. 8 ren. NR: Pent Lin, Hd, hd, Miss V

DF - 27.70 Too E40.90, CSF - 2.0.30. Tricest 226.52
2.40 (2m ch) 1, Northern Singer (1 Descombe, 16-1), 2, Boid Acre (14-1); 3, Lobster Cottage (11-2), Holy Wanderer 7-2 fav. 10 ren. 3M, 51. R Hodges, Totes 7-2 fav. 10 ren. 3M, 51. R Hodges, Totes 20.80; 92.70, S1.80, 92.40, DF - 248.00. Trice 291.70. CSF: £183.08. Tricest: £1.271.05.
3.10 (3m 2i 110yd hdle) 1, Gummaker IN Wilderson, 5-7); 2, Brincley House (25-1); 3, First Crack (10-1), Evezio Rubo, Rare Spread, 9-2, §-1av, 11 ren. NR: Cusen's Award, 13il, 13il, B Lievellyn, Toter £4.30; 22.20, £3.90, £190. DF: £191.40. Trice 218.70 CSF: £105.98. Tricest: £1,096.16. 3,40 (2m 4i ch) 1, Inch Empreor F J Murchy, 11-2); 2, Johy Boer (11-8 fav); 3, Accion (88-1), 7 ran. 3i, 20i. A Campil. Tote: £5.50; £2.10, £1 S0. DF: £9.80, CSF: £11.18

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4.10 (2m liet) 1, Mountain Storm (T Hagger, 4-1); 2, Shebang (7-4 tar); 3, Jim's Quest (6-1), 12 ran. NR: Welch Asset S, 2; N Henderson: Tota: 27-40; (22-50, £1-40, £2-70, Df: 58.10. Tine: £44.50 CSF; £1.13 Placepot 2496.20. Quadpot 2257.10. Taunton ·

Going: good to firm, good in places 4.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Le Khoumf (J Osporne, 100-30); 2, Nine O Three (100-30); 3, Glowing Path (7-1), Yubrales 3-1 (2m); 7, ren. St, 71, J Newlis, Tota: £3.50; £1.60, £3.80, DF, £22.50, CSF £13.33 1.20 (2m 3l 110yd hdie) 1, Zingibar (Michael Brannan, 8-1); 2, Burlington Sam (9-2); 3, Fleur De Tal (9-2), Norsic Breeze 7-4 (as) (u), 6 ran 2941, (e) J Bradley Tole. 67.40; 63 10, 6130. DF 616.00 CSF 537.45. Placepot £829.20, Quadpot £229.60.

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1.50 (2m 11 hdie) 1, Sam Rockett (S Ryan. 16-1); 2, D'Naan (A P McCoy, 4-6 lav); 3, Paulton (R Greene, 10-1), 12 ran. NR. Bentarosam, E Trastavere 31, 81, P. McOney Tote: £18.60; £2.80, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £11.60. Trio: £70.20. CSF-£27.50. 227, 69.
220 (4m 2f 110yd ch) 1. Woodlands Genhire (C Llewellyn, 100-1); 2. Exangel-ica (11-4). Fax; 3. Frozen Drop (8-1). Bedisstan 11-4 [Liev. 10 ran. 29.(, 1)4. P. Pitcherd Tote: 597,00; 510,70; 51.10, 52.40. OF: 533.70. Trio: 5124.20 CSF: 534.51. Tricast: 52.582.02. 2.50 (2m 31 110yd holis) 1, Spring Gale (J Osborne, 6-5 fs/l); 2, Edgernoor Prince (2-1); 3. Weather Wise (12-1), 13 ran Nft: Market Mayhern, 2, 31, 0 Shewood, Tota-(22.00; 21.30, 51.50, (22.20, DF-£2.20 Tro-521.90 CSF; 64.10. \$21.90 CSF: £4 10.
\$2.00 (2m 3t ch) 1, Offiver Duckett (G Tormey, 14-1), 2, The Mine Ceptain (2-1), 3, Winnow (13-2) Bridepark Rose 6-4 tax, 6 tan, NR: Jihal Frez. 11, 71, C Popharm. Tota: £15.50: £5.10, £1.70, DF: £16.40, CSF: £41.87. CSF, £41.87.
3.50 (2m 11 hdie) 1, Little Shefford (1 Lawrence, 20-1); 2, Sigam (14-1), 3, Ath Cheannaithe (16-1) Utilmate Smoothie 13-8 tav. 13 ran hRt Fonans Flutter 294.
1. M Muggeridge, Tots: \$24.50, 58.70, \$2.90, \$2.10. DF £134.50. The £183.00. GSF, £245.69 Thessi: \$4,149.40.

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2.00 SCOTTISH BORDERS NATIONAL (Handicap chase: £20,903; 4m) (13)

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2.30 TIM DOODY WHITE LINE MOREBATTLE HUROLE (Limited handicap: £4,770; 2m 110yd) (10)

1 -374 HOME COUNTIES 48 (V,C,O,F,G,S) D Modell 8-11-7

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2 4115 DIRECT ROUTE 41 (C.D.F.6.5) J Johnson 6-10-12 P Carberry 92

3 -954 MARCHANT MING 27 (D.6.5) M Harrmond 5-10-8 R Gentity 93

4 00-2 HATTA RREEZE 84 (D.5.10 D Repoison 5-10-8 A Marguery 95

5 1P5 URCLE DOUG 45 (D.6.5) M Harrmond 5-10-6 P Nivers 96

4 4005 THORRITON GATE 34 (D.F.6.5) I Existity 8-10-4 (Calabatian 96

7 112- ARABEON AND 339 (D.6.5) P Montraith 9-10-0 D Bridgeotier 80

8 0504 JAZILAH 32 (D.6.5) R Allon 9-10-0 D Bridgeotier 80

9 32-5 COMMINS COUND 65 (D.5) J Berclay 6-10-0 Mr R Tourston (5) 9

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1-2 Halta Breeze 4-1 Acadon Aur 4-2 Harres Countries 6-1 Z 7-2 Halta Bresse, 4-1 Acagon Ayr 9-2 Home Countries, 5-1 Thomfon Galle, 7-1 Direct Route, 8-1 Marchard Milog, 12-1 others

3.00 ANDREW HAMELTON & CO RUTHERFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£4,422: 2m 1l) (6)

1 04-4 SYBILIN 27 (F.G.S) J Phrepared 11-10-0 ... P Carberry -2 3-3: LORD DORCET 41 (F.G.S) J Charleon 7-11-12 ... A Dobbles 94
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RACELINE

Rob Andrew says home unions are overplaying international cards

No side good enough for grand slam

exposure and interest in club - whether domestic or European - has gone up, support for the international game has dwindled. That is a trend which the five nations' championship will surely reverse, but it must make the game's administrators stop and think

There has always been a fallacy that spectators would turn up at Twickenham, or Murrayfield, or Cardiff to watch international rugby even if you put 15 monkeys on the field in white, or blue or red. That is actually not the case. People want to watch meaningful rugby matches and I'm convinced the rarity value has been killed.

People are not prepared to pay the cost of the match ticket if their imagination is not captured and, with the best will in the world, Italy and Argentina do not do that. There has been too much international rugby. this season, too much average international rugby in contrast to the club

ne of the anomalies of this scene where a big occasion seems to season so far is that, while come along virtually every week. come along virtually every week. created by greater quality, higher ment of fluctuating fortunes in the

> But while we have seen 16 internationals involving five nations' sides this season, much of the rugby has been mediocre. For that reason and I wish it was not the case - this is the most open five nations' champ-ionship I can remember. Whereas for the past decade you could confidently claim that England and France would contest the title, it is difficult to

The five nations' will ignite the fires once more: there will be full houses a crowd of 13,500 for Wales against the United States last weekend must have depressed the players - but the sides must also produce good, hard rugby. People talk glibly about entertainment but that comes from close, hard-fought matches not from sevens played by 15 men: if we do not



far from the day when a five nations' match does not pull a capacity crowd. The championship remains a fantastic tournament but we must keep examining the quality, keep asking questions about how it can be improved. If we do not, we should not be involved in the game. Comparisons with other parts of the world should not be avoided, indeed we should try to ensure that our game, with all the history behind it, is better

here we have five teams, all, apparently, going through a transitional stage, not one of which has avoided considerable criticism in preparing for the five nations' championship.

You can argue a case for one of the Celtic countries coming out on top this year and I certainly don't think we are going to have a grand-slam winner. I would say that the best performance of any country before Christmas was that by Wales against a very good South Africa team.

The Wales players that day stood up and took the game to South Africa; they have their rugby league players back, bringing strength and profes-sionalism to the whole side, and there seems to be a flicker of light at the end of their tunnel. Murrayfield will be a big test for them tomorrow. If Wales are going to make anything of their new side, they have to go there and win, and if they do, then Cardiff will not be an easy place for anyone to

games, but I have learnt over the years never to discount the Scots. France have a good record in Dublin and a couple of pieces of magic could start them off on a roll, particularly since Ireland have dispensed with Paul Burke, who, if nothing else, could score points for them.

The Irish may give opponents a hard time up front, but they are now on their third stand-off half and have shown little sign of being able to

And what about England? The leading club sides, helped by an influx of overseas players, have started to change the way they want to play the game, but England are struggling to find a style that suits all the players in the team. For all his many qualities, it will be difficult for Phil de Glanville to make a massive impact from centre - he needs good decisions from the key area of No 8, No 9 and No 10, and just at the moment it doesn't look as though the

SPORTS LETTERS

Managers ill-prepared for job

From Mr C. Rossini

Sir, Kevin Keegan's resignation has understandably prompted much comment, but the real question has not been addressed, ie, why are managers being appointed with no preparation for the pressure and trials that lie ahead?

Compared with past times, when the likes of Joe Mercer, Don Revie and Bob Paisley had to serve an apprenticeship of sorts before securing a management post with football's elite, today, managers come straight off the pitch to don the boss's hat. Little

wonder then that some feel the strain, given the pressures and profile of the modern game.

Compared with Italy, where all coaches have to be qualified and registered and serve time in the lower leagues before promotion to a Serie A club, this is not satisfactory and I suspect that we shall see more Keegan-type casualties until the present pattern

Yours faithfully. la Steele House, Harwich.

Difficult process

From Mr Dominick Shirley Mr Angus Irvine's letter about the decline of cricket in state schools (January 10).

I belive the regeneration of cricket in England will provemuch harder than most, including the Prime Minister.

Though a historian, I also ran cricket at a Salisbury grammar school from 1969 to 1984. Despite criticism, then in vogue, on the grounds of expense, ethos, elitism, irrele-vance, time and space wasted. I managed to keep first XI fixtures going even on

But by 1975 all the other grammar schools within a 50mile radius had either gone private or comprehensive. Two, at Shaftesbury and Dorchester, had built south-form complexes on their first XI cricket squares (Illustrating the climate of the times)!

My first XI focures had now to be with the likes of Sherborne, Cranford, Mari-borough, Winchester and Bryanston, who welcomed practice for their emerging A teams. But the old structure of cricket for all classes (as long as academically they made grammar selection in our

Is this perhaps why the professional bowlers either

from grammar or secondary modern — Trueman, Tyson, Loader, Willis (produced upon the poorly maintained state school pitches of the Forties. Fifties and Sixtiest — have gone? Escape from coalmines for Trueman and Larwood also encouraged cricketing prowess, but happily this spur cannot be replicated. The same poor pitches and the exuberance of youth meant

that spin bowling outside pub-lie schools was rarely rated. Laker, Lock and Wardle took years and county expertise to develop fully. Now, I think, with fine, privately-maintained cricket squares, or all-weather pitches, the young may find the emulation of Shane Warne more reward-

ing, exciting and glamorous than hours of fast bowling. We may occasionally produce a wonder (especially in bowling) like. Botham, but there will be a shallowness (so crucial if a star loses form like Gough or Cork) which great depth in the postwar years

A cricket tradition take years to evolve: 1965-1990 tried to marginalise it. If, by 2015, we are as competitive as we were in the 1960s, I shall be delighted and surprised.

Yours faithfully DOMINICK SHIRLEY. November Cottage

Before their time From Mr P. D. O'Connor

Sir, John Bryant's tongue-incheck look at athletic clothing for icy weather (Bryant's Eye, January 9) correctly stated that running tights were not evailable in shorts in the 1990s. But perhaps the Opena Park Harriers cross-country team was before its time in devising

At my wife's suggestion I purchased half a dozen pairs of men's lightweight "long ohns" — shrunken and dyed black, we wore them under coloured shorts for training

runs in bitter weather. : Six of us changed regularly at my flat in Paddington. As we made our way out into the cold night wearing our new training aid for the first time,

long and loud, as did bemused pedestrians on a still busy Edgware Road. In Hyde Park, "ladies of the night" dispensed some friendly, ribald A few evenings later we

my wife and children laughed

grouped together in the park to start our main run. A vigilant policeman came racing across North Carriage Drive, convinced that he had uncovered a dastardly male sex club. We could hardly run for laughter.

The converted long johns were ideal for keeping our leg. muscles warm. Perhaps should have applied for a Yours faithfully.

P. D. O'CONNOR. 8 Oakleafe Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

Kicker on board. From Mr Terence J. King

Sir, Because "... we have not had a kicker before". Dick Best, the Hariequins coach, seems to have convinced his club and everyone else that it was worth paying an extrava-gant fee for the 18 months of Thierry Lacroix's services (re-

Besides the detrimental effect such foreign signings can have on the development of the English game in the long term, Best ought to be reminded that he already has an outstanding kicker and all he

needs to do is play him: Before the present season began Best managed to coux Michael Corcoran from London Irish where he was having an outstanding career as a prolific points scorer and kicker par excellence. So why was it necessary to spead the report-ed \$250,000 for Lacroix? Money seems to be just like confett in the hands of some professional football and rugby clubs at present.

Yours faithfully. TERENCE J. KING. Whitegates, Baigent's Lane. Windlesham, Surrey.

Adding some bite.

From Mr Alex C. Moran Sir, Your report (January 9) that Richmond rugby union club "are ready to sign Ather-ton" will have raised the

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5211. They should include a daytime telephone number. spirits of cricket lans through

out the country. Perhaps the same club could be persuaded to exchange a suitably grizzled forward to take his place in New Zealand and put some hite back into the England team.

Yours faithfully. A. C. MORAN, 24 Letham Drive. Newlands, Glasgow:

For a Great

Wainwright in line to play dual leading role

Mark Souster on the man aiming to guide

Scotland to the grand slam and enhance

his claims to captain the British Isles

Wainwright would gladly press the erase button on the past six months of his professional life. Serious injury prevented him from playing rugby and his highprofile role in somewhat acrimonious contract negotiations during the autumn - at one point the players boycotted a detractors at the Scottish Rugby Union to brand him a

He lost the captaincy to Gregor Townsend.

phone calls to his tasted it, it's house from individuals at Murrayhard to step field — although backwards' this is a subject on which he refuses to

be drawn — and suddenly the image of a man who could do little wrong was dented, if not his confidence. It did not help that he had posed d la Rob Roy in a tabloid newspaper before the meeting with England last March, an experience that still fills him with embarrassment and regret. It all lent weight to the impression that he was losing

"It was a fairly stressful time," Wainwright said this week. "It has been a tedious period for the players, but for the paying public and the viewers I think it's been even more redious. Hopefully, it is all laid to rest." indeed, the new year finds

him in fine fettle, upbeat once again about his own, and Scotland's, prospects. He has a new house deep in his

beloved Scottish countryside near Kinross, promotion to the rank of major, and finally the confidence as a player that his body is not about to fall apart. He can concentrate on the business of rugby and the job in hand, beating Wales tomorrow. Reinstatement as captain is a welcome bonus.

"It is like international rug-by itself," Wainwright said. "It is a bit of a drug - once you have tasted it, it is very hard to take a step backwards. Potentially, it would have been hard

to be just another one of the boys. Ask Will Carling: gling at the moment with similar emotions: but it is a joy to be back involved with the

"My initial timetable was to try to get back in time for the Australia game. but I had to sacrifice the first half of the season to get back for the second. I just made it. I have had four games in three weeks. It has been fairly busy. but that is what I needed." So what of Scotland's

chances this season?

"Well we are in a period of transition," he said. "There have been a considerable number of changes from this time last year. We have got to make sure that the young players and the new players fit in as comfortably as possible and we get down to playing the sort of rugby we played last year and incorporating the lessons we learnt in New

For the past two years commentators, including one



strength of their five nations;

who famously dismissed Scotland's cause in 1996 as "potentially hopeless", have been made to eat their words.

"They have learns their lesson," Wainwright said. "If we win our first game, which I feel we can, it sets us up for the rest of the five nations'. Then we have got to go to Twickenham. The last time we beat them was 1990, a generation of players ago. That is going to be very challenging and yet I have a sneaking feeling that this year might be the year we finally do something against England. They are the bookies' favourites, but the bookies are a bit short of imagination

"It is difficult to judge how good Wales are. The return of the rugby league dissidents has strengthened their case, but they have still got to form a team. They have always had talented players, but in recent years have not managed to blend them into a side that draws cohesively together. Also, they are coming up to Murrayfield, where they

haven't won since 1985. It is an

intimidating place for them to come to." The prospect of a place on

the British Isles tour to South Africa this summer lends added spice to the five nations' championship this season and speculation has turned, inevitably, to who will be their captain. Wainright is considered a front runner and Fran Cotton, the Lions manager, is

"I think talk of the captaincy is all a bit premature," Wain-wright said. "The players are going to be picked on the

when you can. The key issue is that Fran Cotton doesn't want a captain who cannot be sure of his place. It's happened in the past and upset the whole balance of the tour." Anyway, first things first. We are aiming to get a grand slam," he said. "The only way

the same applies to the cap-taincy. But the Lions are in the

back of my mind; you can't

ignore speculation. You just

try to ignore the questions

to do that is to start by beating

FOOTBALL: FERGUSON SETS DATE FOR RETIREMENT AS MANAGER AND END OF SUCCESSFUL ERA AT OLD TRAFFORD

Allardyce follows Dalglish into high-pressure post

By RICHARD HOBSON AND PETER BALL

FOR the second time in three days, the Magpies made a managerial appointment yesterday. However, in contrast to the media circus that squeezed into St James' Park for the coronation of Kenny Dalglish on Tuesday evening, just seven reporters and two photographers were at Meadow Lane for the announcement of Sam Allardyce as the new manager of Notts County, who share the same nickname as Newcastle United.

Pressure, though, remains the buzz-word. County are second from bottom in the Nationwide League second division and Allardyce is their sixth manager — or managerial partnership — in less than three years. He was dismissed as manager of Blackpool in May last year and has been involved since with the

youth team at Sunderland. Allardyce, who has agreed an 18-month contract that will be extended by a further year if he manages to save the club from relegation, replaces Gary Strodder, who had been managing on a temporary basis after the dismissal of Colin Murphy and Steve Thompson before Christmas, Alex Ferguson, whose Manchester United team have dominated English football this decade, has set a provisional retirement date, saying that he intends to leave Old Trafford in 3½ years' time. "I can see the finishing line." Ferguson said yesterday. "When this contract runs out, I will be 58 and I can't see me continuing as manager beyond that."

If Ferguson does retire then, he will

have completed 13 years at the club,

the European Cup, and success in that competition in the next three years might persuade him that he is at last satisfied.

Fabrizio Ravanelli is not the only Italian who appears to be less than happy with his move from Serie A to the Premiership. Yesterday, Gianluca Vialli, Ravanelli's striking partner for Juventus, the European champions, last season, said that he was not happy with his situation at Chelses.

Speaking on Italian television, Vialli, who has failed to win back a

out with injury, said: "I did not come here to have a holiday or to have fun. I came to do well, to become a legend in London at Chelsea. Being on the bench makes me frustrated. I hope things change. I'm not willing to put up with it much longer." Leicester City made Matt Elliott

28, their record signing yesterday when they bought him for £1.6 million from Oxford United, fending off competition from Southampton and Sheffield Wednesday for the

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CRICKET: FIVE WICKETS FOR TUFNELL AS ENGLAND ROMP HOME

Silverwood advances his claims for Test place

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COMPETITION for bowling about the skills of Turnell places in the England team to. play New Zealand in the first Test in Auckland next week has intensified after their victory over a Select XI here by. the handsome margin of an innings and 113 runs.

The selectors have been steadfast in their policy of fielding six front-line batsmen since the start of the tour's international programme in Zimbabwe, but the addition of Dominic Cork and Craig White to the squad has created attacking options.

These were further increased yesterday by the per-formances of Chris Silverwood and Phil Tufnell at Firzherbert Park. The pair cantured eight of the nine wickets to fall on the final day as the Select XI were dismissed for 176 halfway through the second session,

David Lloyd, the coach, was effusive in his praise of England's bowling performance in their opening first-class fixture in New Zealand. We bowled as well as I have seen since I took over as coach on what was a good batting pitch," he said. "Our situation is competitive. Silverwood is on a learning curve but he gives his all, is

pitch hard. It's nice to hear the . uniformly opposition discussing him."

New Zealand know all since it was his 11-wicket haul at Christchurch five years ago that set up England's last victory in a Test series overseas. The Middlesex leftarmer is aware of the

competition that he faces from Croft, though since the Auckland square has been completely relaid in the past six months, the tour management will be left to play a guessing game when it comes down to finalising the balance of the England attack

However, since five of the Select side's top six batsmen were on trial for Test positions and the pitch offered very little encouragement, apart from pace and moderate bounce. England will now feel confident.

Their optimism will have been improved by the standard of the fielding, which was Select XI lost their last nine wickets for 151 runs - the last 50 or so being scored in lighthearted fashion as Danny Morrison and Robert Kennedy chanced their-arm against Hamilton.

Alec Stewart set the tone for the day with a diving catch to dismiss Adam Parore, New Zealand's Test No 3, off Silverwood and, despite resembling a juggler in mid-act. Nick Knight reacted superbly to pick up Matthew Horne at silly point.
The day's most spectacular

fielding feat will have no bearing on the Test selection. Jack Russell, who ran out Mark Greatbatch with a direct throw from cover while fielding as substitute for White, who was stricken with influenza, does not figure in

Russell has not been given a first-class game on tour and in search of match practice, in

NEW ZEALAND SELECT XI: Piral Images 138 (C White 4-15).

Second Innings C J Spearmen c Atherion o Cori B A Pocock c Hussain o Turnell †A C Parore c Stewart o Silvenw FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-34, 3-65, 4-75, 5-78, 6-99, 7-99, 8-122, 9-158. BOWLING: Cork 14-1-58-1; Caddick 18-8-24-0; Siheranod 14.1-5-29-3; Turnel 24-8-

ENGLAND XI: First linnings 427-8 dec (A.J. Stewart 153, N.Hussein 138, D.K. Morrison 4-81).

through injury to Stewart, will this weekend play a club game for the South Auckland side. Takapuna, instead of joining the rest of the party in

The run-out started a pro-cession. As lunch approached, Knight, reverting to his favoured position at slip, clung on to a sharp offering from Justin Vaughan, and Nasser Hussain, his partner in that area, dived full length to catch Blair Pocock, who had played stubbornly for his 43.

After the interval, as the early cloud rolled away, it was not a question of if England would record their first victory since Matabeleland were swept aside in Bulawayo, but when. In the event, England needed only another hour and, in order to earn time off today for a fishing trip, the players were then ordered into the nets to complete a thoroughly

professional day's work.

The lack of depth in the game in New Zealand was reflected yesterday in the make-up of their 12-man squad named for the first Test. Although several senior players failed to make any impact for the Select XI, they have retained their places.



Dravid and Ganguly inject life into India's batting

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN JOHANNESBURG

THE third Test match between South Africa and India . began with a day that, for the most part, was one more for the connoisseur than the layman. By tea, India had reached only 117 for three from 59 overs: but the evening brought another 116 runs, delightfully made by Dravid and Ganguly. With the second new hall already ten overs old. and Azharuddin still to come. India, at 233 for three have every reason to feel much

Being the bold spirit that he is. Tendulkar chose to but when most captains would the other option. In the event, vived a straightforward the South Africa bowlers chance to Cullinan at first slip struggled to find their line, off Klusener, Rathore was

which, in a curious way, did not so much provide scoring opportunities as limit them. Except in one spell by Donald after lunch, they all seemed strangely disorientated. Just as important, the pitch

was nothing like as fast as expected. Rather than standing in the centre of the sponsor's logo, as the groundsman thought he might when the ball was hard and new, Richardson, the South Africa wicketkeeper, was perfectly comfortable at a normal distance. With Rathore and Mongia content just to survive; the first hour, indeed the first 90 minutes,

was uneveniful. There followed India's most soon out at the other end. caught at the wicket pushing forward at the first ball Adams had bowled at the Wanderers, a googly. Rathore's contribution was

worth much more than the scorecard will ever tell. Fortified by lunch. Donald first had Mongia dropped at the wicket. and then bowled him all ends up. Richardson's miss was a remarkable one, for it was in preparing to throw the ball up that he dropped it. He went the colour of a London bus.

It was cloudy enough for the ball to swing for quite a lot of the day, but India's young batsmen are becoming more adept at what and what not to play. Nothing less than good, quired, and, in Tendulkar's case, a little early luck. His third and fourth balls both

went rather chancily for four off Pollock. A glorious cover drive off Donald put him right, and he set about showing his side the way. At the nets here on Wednesday, I picked up Tendulkar's bat: weighing 2lb 120z, it felt like a

SCOREBOARD

MEDIA: First Innings
V Rethore o Richerdson b Adems ...
1N R Mongte b Donald ...
R S Dravid pot cut
S R Tenduliur o Motifies b Cronje

Total (Switch) 233
M Astranuckin, V S Lawren, A Kumbe, J Srinstn, D Genech and B V K Presad to be. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25. 2-46, 3-100
BOWLING: Donald 18.1-6-44-1; Poliock 19.7-58-0; McMillen 145-3-3-40; Kusener 16-4-67-0; Adema 144-4-7-1; Congs 6-4-19-1. SOUTH AFRICA: G Kinsten, A C Hudson, A M. Bacher, D.J. Cuttinen, "W.J. Cronie, B.M. McMillen, S.M. Pollock, "D.J. Rachardson, L. Klusener, A.A. Donald, P.R. Adems. Umpires: C. Mikchiey (SA) and P. Willey (Eng)

get on with a lighter one. When, 20 minutes before tea. Tendulkar was snapped

up at second slip, it was as much of a surprise to him. I think, as it was an obvious delight to the South Africans. The ball flew fast to McMillan. Tendulkar having fairly thrown his sleeper at it.

railway sleeper, but, unlike Azharuddin, he says he cannot

Gavaskar. Sunny Tendulkar's great mentor. thought he had "thrown away a hundred", and, if that was somewhat severe, the panache with which Dravid and Ganguly batted after tea gave point to Gavaskar's opinion. For the last hour or more, the initiative was with India.

England's Peter Willey, stand-ing in his fourth Test match. the end of the match, he announced he was finished

at Delhi, Bridgetown and Lord's reveals it as a new way such scorn. of seeing the world. Mercifully, he adopts a more orthodox

stance than he did as a batsman, otherwise, when standing at the bowler's end, he would appear to be facing deep extra cover, and that would never do. I would not absolutely swear to it, but Willey seems to

be one of only three cricketers to have both umpired a Test match and scored a century in one, and the other two. Gerry Gomez and Billy Wade, each umpired only one. Whereby, in both cases, hangs a tale. Wade stood at Newlands in the first Test match between South Africa and Bill Lawry's Australia side in 1969-70. At

lians had treated him with

As for Gomez, he was called upon to umpire the Test match between West Indies and Australia at Georgetown in 1964-65, as the only way of settling a spat between the West Indies Board and the local umpires association, and of getting the game started. Although he held an um-

never stood in a first-class match, nor was ever to do so again. Moreover, he was at the time not only chairman of the West Indies selectors, but also a member of the radio commentary team. When stumps were drawn, he repaired to the microphone to give his judicial summing up. Make of it what you will, but there was only one leg-before

pire's certificate, Gomez had

Hat-trick by Stuart

ANTHONY STUART, the Australia fast bowler, dismissed ljaz Ahmed. Mohammad Wasim and Moin Khan to claim a hattrick against Pakistan in a World Series match in Melbourne yesterday.

Chasing Pakistan's total of 181 for nine, Michael Bevan, who made 79, helped to steer Australia to 182 for seven with three balls to spare.

Aamir Sohail, of Pakistan, was reported to Raman Subba Row, the match referee, for showing dissent upon his dismissal. He claimed that the ball he hooked to long leg had bounced over shoulder high and should have been a no-ball.

BADMINTON

TORYO: Jagan Open Merr. Second round: A Wirenste (ndo) of Dong Jong (China) 18-15, 15-5. H Bengtisson (See) bt H Yameda (Japan) 15-9, 15-8; A Kusama (ndo) bt K Tsunsyama (Japan) 15-1, 15-5; T Stuer-Laundsen (Den) bt P Knowles, (Eng) 15-7, 15-5. H Spensen (Den) bt Ham Dong Sung (S Kor) 15-12, 17-14, J van Delt (Hot) bt F Machida (Japan) 15-7, 15-5. P Resmussen (Den) bt Ham Dong Sung (S Kor) 15-12, 17-14, J van Delt (Hot) bt F Machida (Japan) 15-7, 15-5. P Resmussen (See) 15-11; Live Vigeng (China) bt R Magnusson (See) 15-11; Live Geng (China) bt S Ota (Japan) 15-6, 15-12; I Wilaya (Indo) bt K Massuda (Japan) 15-7, 15-2; Park Sung-Woo (S Kor) bt Y Yeshikawa (Japan) 15-7, 15-5; P Sentoso (Indo) bt D Enlason (See) 15-7, 15-6, P G Christenson (Den) bt D Hai (Eng) 15-11; 15-6; R Sudek (Malayala) bt N Subandoro (Indo) 15-12, 15-13
TELFORD: Under-21 match: England 5 Sweden 1 (England leed settles 1-0).

BASKETBALL

ALL: Welsh Indoor Masters: First 1 Schuback (Aus) bt G Williams 1 7-8, 7-3. A Alecok (Eng) bt J Henry 7-9, 7-4; S Ress (Weles) bt H Duff 7-1, 7-3. K Kerkow (Aus) bt H Weale) 7-0, 5-7, 7-0.

CRESTA RUN

CRICKET

Australia v Pakistan

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Extras (b 1, w 3, nb 2)
Total (Swids, 50 overs)

AUSTRALIA

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IOBBI (7WRD, 48-3 OVERS) 152 G D McGreth and A M Stuart did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS 1-9, 2-14, 3-54, 4-110, 5-139, 6-139, 7-148 BCMM SNG: Washin Alvarn 10-1-25-4; Wedar Youris 10-0-36-1; Sadjain Mushiso, 10-0-37-1; Mushisor Ahmed 10-0-28-0, Shahki Aindi 10-0-46-1; Asmir Schell 0.3-0-1-0 Man of the match: A M Stuari

Conditions Runs to

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(Excellent sking on well-growned pistes)

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(Upper runs good; lower have some worn/hard petches)

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(Generally very good sking; glorious weather) SWITZER! AND C Montana

Source: Sic Club of Great Britain.

World Series Curi

Total (Barks, 50 overs) 181
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-20, 3-29, 4-29, 5-29, 6-62, 7-130, 6-148, 9-177
BOWLING: Stuart 10-1-25-5, McGrath 10-0-40-0; Werne 10-2-37-0; Bichel 8-2-31-0; Brivan 10-1-36-3; Leitmann 2-0-10-0.

L - lower slopes, U - upper.

SNOW REPORTS

Second division

vision: Nevari v Walerkowie FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE Premier division: Shebourne v Bray (7.45). FA UMBRO TROPHY: First round: Has-tings v Satisbury.

A International matches

reland v France
(al Donnybrook, 2.30)
Scotland v Wales
(at Goldenacre, 2.15)

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Scottish Classica v Welsh Classics (at Meggetland,

GOLF

MOUNT FIVENE BAY, Tobago: Goldwin Pro-Am: Leading final scores: 279: G Furey 68, 89, 74, 68, 290: A Sharborne 65, 70, 72, 72, 296: W Longous 73, 72, 71, 69; G J Brand 69, 74, 69, 73, 297: R Winchester 76, 72, 57, 68, 298: P Wey 77, 68, 73, 70, M Poson 72, 72, 70, 74, 5 Bottomley 73, 75, 71, 69, 298: R Lee 72, 71, 71, 75, 290: R Boxal 75, 69, 73, 73, 299: D Jones 75, 75, 71, 71, 293: D Lloyd 74, 74, 74, 71, 294: P Carriols 72, 72, 75, 75, 298: S Richardson 74, 76, 71, 75, 308: P Townsend 73, 79, 77, 77, 311: L Kirton 76, 81, 77, 77, 77

77 311: L Kinon 76, 81, 77, 77.

NDIAN WELLS, Casionelic Bob Hope-Chryster Classis: Leading great-ound scores (US unless stated): 69: L Ruises, 64: S Jones, M Catcavecchia, 65: J D Bloke, P Goydos, J Daly, T 108s 68: J Parmenik (Swe), R Cochran, F Funk, J Cock, S Gump, L Matitiace, L Rinker, 67: J Gelfagher, G Bords, B McCasister, F Zoeller, P Tataurang (NZ), P Jacobsen, R Darmon, A Lyle (CS), Other scores: 68: G Wale (NZ), N Ozald (Japan) 74: F Allem (SA) 78: G Hjørtstact (Swei

Postponed: Ton Pentra v Carmerthen Town.
WELSH CUP: Fourth-round replay: Conwy 2 Caemarton 0. Postponed: 200w Vale v Absystayth GALOR COUNTY ANTRIA SHELD: Semi-finale: Portadown 1 Ballymena 2 (aet; 1-1 after 90min: Ballymena win on golden goel). AVON INSURANCE COMENATION: First division: Bouthermouth 3 Portsmouth 0; Brighton 1 Swindon 0; Bristol Rouers 1 Lution 2; Swarsea 0 Codord United 2 Postponed: loswitch, v Tottenham: Southermouth Vernicoton. Pontines CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Notis County v Port Vale Second division: Hulf 1 Shrewsbury 3. Laugue Cup: Group ome: Bumiley 4 Carliste 1: Wigen 3 Outhern 3 Group hwo: Bractond 1 Huddersfield 4: York 3 Barnsiey 0 Group four: Doncaster 6 Sourthorpe 3: Grimsby 1 Chesterfield 1. Group five: Derby 0 Washall 1

EUROPEAN SUPER CUP: First log: Paris

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated Burnley v Bury (7.45)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE Southern di-

RUGBY UNION

Under-21 International matches Iretand v France (at Angelsaa Road, ncon) Scotland v Wales (at Goldenacre, 12.45)

6.15): CLUB MATCHES: Boroughmus v Lianels (7.30); Currie v Hands FP (7.30); Dundes HSFP v Pontypidd (7.0); Glasgow Southern v Bigges (7.0); Kalso v Jad-Forest (7.15); Nesport v Richmond (7.0); Salfott (Hautek (7.15); Stifling County v Bridgand, (7.0); Wassonione v Crewchaye Welsh XV (7.15)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Weish Masters (Lianelli).

HOCKEY

ICE HOCKEY

MOTOR RALLYING

Widdingsday's little results
FA CUP: Third round: Lalcasier City 2
Southand 0; Stoke 0 Stockport 2. Postponed: Coventry v. Woking. Third-round
replays: Neecastle. 2 Chariton 1 (set):
Sundarfend 0 Ansenal 2 Post-poned: West
Ham v Wresthen.
SELL'S SCOTTISH LEASUE: Premier
division: Kümamoch 1 Rangers 1. Second
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TENNENTS: SCOTTISH CUP: Secondround replay, Inverses CT 0 Stretmer 0
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UNIBOND LEAGUE: President's Cup:
Post-tound replay: Fersley Cobc 2
Guiseley 0.

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DR MATTENS LEAGUE: League Cup:
Third round: Reunds T 2 Terriworth 1
Postponed: Belcock v Tondridge.
LEAGUE OF WALES: Weisimpool 0
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Schrödermain 1 Juventus 6
SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier
Leegus Under-16 Trophy: Comwell 3
Devon 2 Hempshire 1, Wilstrire 1 ESFA
Snictors Under-19 Colleges Trophy:
Greenhead College (Huddersheld) 1 St
Addens C of E (Harrogsle) North Yorkshee

FIXTURES

DAKAR RALLY: Eleventh stage (Kodel to Imbulchoo, 577km): Cars 1, JP Shupo (Fr) Missubishi, Shr 40mm 11eec; 2, P Satupbarsium (Thai) Missubishi, at Smn 18sec; 3, K Smnzouka (Japan) Missubishi, at 322; 4, H Massubish (Japan) Missubishi, at 322; 4, H Massubish (Japan) Missubishi, at 322; 4, H Massubish (Japan) Missubishi, at 12; 6, JP Forrency (Fr) Massubish, at 10:12 Leading overall positions: 1, Shnozuka 48th 45min 35eec; 2, Forteney at 45eac, 3, B Saby (Fr) Missubishi, at 9:35 Motoroyoless: 1, J Lewis (US) KTM, Shr 54min; 2, O Gallerdo (Sp) Cagara, at 9:10; 3, I Castera (Fr) Yamaha, at 11:31; 4, St Peterhonsel (Fr) Yamaha, at 11:31; 4, St Peterhonsel (Fr) Yamaha, at 11:41; 5, J Accessors (Sp) KTM, at 14:13, 6, D von 72zzewtz (Austria) KTM, 19:29 Leading overall positions: 1, Peterhonsel 52:09:06; 2, Accessors at 129:37; 3, Getlerdo at 2:19:32.

RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Walney Central 17 Millorn 10

RUGBY UNION ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 2B: Newpor 13 Saracens 19. CLUB MATCH: Feinfoel 10 Uaneli 31.

BLACKPOOL: European Open: Eightin qualifying round (England unless stated). P Davies (Wales) for J Prince (N les) 5-0. D Claise for P Hunter 5-4. R Millions be M Duthy (N les) 5-7. C Shade (Soci) be J Determay (Ire) 5-5; G Dott (Soci) for J Microphy (N les) 5-3. T Chappel (Wales) for J McCullagh 5-2. M King for J Johnson 5-1; M Stavens (Wales) for S Murphy (Re) 5-2. J Penny for B Shaddon (Soci) 5-2. D Henry (Soci) 5-2. Change 5-4; D Roe for B Jones 5-3; F O'Brien (Ire) for D Reynolds 5-2: A Burnett (Soci) to I Burnett 5-3. E Hendeason (Soci) for Burnett 5-3. J Burnett (Soci) to M Judge (Ire) 5-3; J Burnett (Soci) to M Judge (Ire) 5-3.

That the other three have been with umpiring, the Austra-SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This hand is from the 1995 Malta international bridge festival. Tony Sowter and Mark Horton, the experienced Great Britain internationals, were West and East, respectively.

Dealer East N-S game Matchpointed pairs

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Contract: Three Hearts by South

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Pitisburgh 3 Harriord D; Buffato 2 NY Istanders 1; Ottowa 5 Weshington 1; Los Angelles 3 Toronto 2; Cotorado 4 Tampa Bay 2, St. Louis 4 Promit 1, Calgary 2 Anahelm 1; Edmonton 4 Flordige 0 SUPERLEAGUE: Ayr 5 Manchester 2; Newcastin 6 Besingstoke 4; Sheffield 6 Notingham 3. (I) Unsound. Double (penal-

ties) is better. Sowter (West) led the two of diamonds to East's ace; East continued with the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ruffed with the nine of hearts. As the queen of diamonds was clearly East's highest diamond, West cor-

rectly switched to a spade. After winning the ace of spades. East cashed the jack of diamonds on which West played a low club, and then played a second spade. The declarer won, drew trumps and took the rest of the tricks. As you can see, if East had played a fourth round of diamonds, that would have promoted a trump trick for the defence. So what went wrong?

Horion suggested after-

wards that West should throw

the queen of spades on the jack of diamonds, but that gives the contract if the declarer has Kxx of spades and Ax of clubs. I think that West should

have returned the nine of spades at trick three, to discourage his partner from continuing spades; then, East's attention would have been drawn to the trump suit, and he would have realised the significance of West's first ruff with the nine of hearts.

☐ The 1997 Malta festival will be played in Sliema from February 15 to 21. Details from Mario Dix on 00356 330800: fax 00356 373683. ☐ Refresher articles will re-

sume next Friday. Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

Dickensians : BOUNDERBY a. A self-made man

b. A Bow Street Runner c. An upper-class twit COMPEYSON a. A shady lawyer

b. An unhappy schoolboy

inger i de la servició del servició del servició de la servició de

c. A wicked convict

PINCH a. A jailer b. A Christmas spirit c. A saintly fool MANTALINI

a. A young lover

b. A milliner

c. A go-between Answers on page 42

KEENE on CHESS

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

decision in the match.

town of Groningen.
After his defeat by Garry Kasparov in London in the 1993 world title match, Short's career suffered a setback. However, he has now pushed back into the ranks of the world's top ten and his Groningen performance will edge him even more closely to the top of the world ranking list.

White: Nigel Short Black: Gata Kamsky Tilburg 1990

Caro-Kann Defence 7 0-0 Nd7 9 a4 10 Ne1 12 Nd2 13 Qc1 14 Nb3 15 Bxd3

22 Re1 23 g3 24 Nd2

32 g4 33 Bt3

40 kg3 41 Hb2 42 Ra2

By RAYMOND KEENE

Short's challenge

Nigel Short, Great Britain's top grandmaster, begins his challenge in the elite tournament at Wijk aan Zee today. Short hopes to repeat his triumph from last month when he captured first prize in the tournament in the Dutch

As I wrote yesterday, Gata Kamsky, the United States grandmaster, who challenged last year for the Fide championship, is the favourite, but in the past Short has beaten him on many occasions. His supporters will be hoping that he

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Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Black resigns

Diagram of final position

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Adams -- Benjamin, New York, 1995. How did White make the most of his active pieces? This is a difficult problem and, if you successfully work out White's combination, you can consider yourself a strong player.

Solution on page 42

RADIO CHOICE

Repeat episodes of men behaving badly

when at White Hart Lane the scoreline still read 1-1 (which perhaps had something to do with it). Spurs new boy Ramon Vega attempted to shake Eric Cantona's hand,

There had been an incident between the eager Swiss and the stolid Frenchman, Vega had been booked, and Cantona had assumed that characteristic look of thunder which only quite disperses, it seems, when he's musing about birdsong on a relax-

ing train to France. The spurned offer of a placatory hand is a common enough occurrence on the football field, but I admit my nerve ends

were sensitised last weekend to bad manners, so I was getting more than a bit fed up.

"Oh, show some grace," I huffed at Cantona (it was on the telly). Vega even let you have your opening goal, for heaven's sake, by dawdling behind Solskjaer! You could have a bit more grace." Unsurprisingly, however, Vega had to find something else to do with his hand (wipe away tears, or something), and the moment passed. Welcome to Britain, Ramon.

Normally this incident wouldn't make such an impression on me. but I had a hasinful of football crassness last weekend. On the Sky soccer awards on Sunday night, a propor-

THE Australian Open continued along familiar lines on the

fourth day of competition. Another man, Grant Stafford.

of South Africa, complained

about the sofmess of the balls.

during his defeat by Thomas

Muster, from Austria; another

woman. Stephanie De Ville. twisted her ankle on court.

and forfeited a match. Pete

Sampras charged on and Jim

Courier twice came from be-

Thank goodness, then, for

Jeff Tarango, the Californian

who was drummed out of

Tim Henman's third-round

match against Michael

Chang is expected to start

about 9.15am today and

Eurosport will cover it live.

Highlights will be shown on

BBC2 on Sport on Friday

and in a special programme

Wimbledon two years ago for

calling an umpire, Bruno

Rebeuh. "the most corrupt

official in the game". One

adjective for him might be

colourful, though some ob-

servers have chosen less neu-

tral ones, and you have to

concede they may have a

point. After beating Marc

Rosset in straight sets he announced, with a completely

straight face: This is the year

There was more. "I'm com-

ing out and I'm here to prove

myself. I'm 28 and this is my

year. I've been playing since I

of Mr Tarango."

between 6 and 7pm.

hind to prevail.

tion of the badly-behaved audience consistently booed the winners and catcalled the women, while it was clear from the patchy seat occupancy in the Wembley Arena that hoitytoity non-winners had declined to

This explained why the camera kept returning to Alan Shearer and David Beckham: nobody else had turned up. It was no surprise to anybody, therefore, that Shearer and Beckham won most of the awards between

'I had a

basinful of

crassness'

Meanwhile, at the Rangers-Aberdeen match on Sunday, I heard that some Aberdeen fans refused to observe a

minute's silence for George Young, a legendary former Rangers player. And to top it all, my away game on Saturday was at Nottingham Forest, where I have to say that a seat amid loud-mouthed Forest supporters on a freezing. prematurely dark and miserably wet afternoon is enough to make a day trip to Dante's ninth circle of hell

look overwhelmingly attractive. The funny thing was, I had gone along rather gung-ho for Forest. Stuart ("Psycho") Pearce, despite his disturbing resemblance to that great British tennis player Anne Jones, had my full support at this testing time. So it was amazing how quickly

was seven, and I have nothing

more to prove than I do this year ... this is the year when

nothing is really going to

distract me, bother with me,

rangle with me, anything, I'm

just going to fight my little butt

off and hopefully at the end of

the year I won't have a butt."

He also threatened to "kick

some ass" at Wimbledon al-

though, on his record there, it could well be his own. As well

as storming out of Wimbledon

in 1995, when his French wife.

Benedict, slapped Rebeuh for

good measure, he once dropped his shorts during a match against Michael Chang

in Tokyo. Now he is keen to wipe the slate clean.

his suspension from Wimble-

don in the south of France. "I

had wine and cheese instead

of strawberries and cream."

he said. But the expulsion

because he thinks Wimbledon

is "the greatest tournament on

earth" and wants desperately to show spectators his best

form. "I don't think I've ever

really seen my potential, and

nobody else has either," he

said. "I hit the ball so well in

the centre of the racket every

time, there's no reason why I

shouldn't be doing as well as

and it is the obvious one: his

most formidable opponent re-

mains himself. "It's strange,"

he said. "When I'm on court

I'm intense. I'm fired up. I'm going to massacre anyone

There is a reason, of course,

some of the others."

Last year, Tarango served

So now you know.

I wanted to stand up and leave. The old injunction "If you can't say LYNNE TRUSS



Kicking and Screaming

something nice, don't say anything at all" has never cut much ice with football fans, while of course "Ladies present" cuts none whatsoever. But the horrible abuse yelled at the Chelsea players beside the Trent was the worst (also the most aggressive and unfunny) I've ever heard, and made me wince in tortured silence ali afternoon.

Only afterwards did I hear the story of Brian Clough once erecting an over-optimistic sign at the City Ground: "Gentlemen. No swearing please. Brian," Evidently, this notice didn't work, and I'm not surprised. Having experienced the Forest fans at close range, I can only suggest that he should have plumped for a

TENNIS: SAMPRAS AND SANCHEZ VICARIO EASE THROUGH TO THIRD ROUND OF AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Fiery Tarango talks up his chances

less kid-gloved approach. "Gentle-men. You are boring bastards. Just listen to yourselves."

On the pitch, Forest's game was wholehearted, Chelsea's less so, and the main feature of the match was that Pearce (presumably when he had completed his other duties of cleaning the showers and counting the ticket stubs) had cunningly appointed full back Des Lyttle to neutralise the talented Gianfranco

This turned out to be a highly effective ploy, as Chelsea without Zola (and with Vialli and Gullit on the bench) were like a vacuum cleaner still gamely roving up and down (and

doing the corners) but with the plug

pulled out and no suck. For Zola, it must have been terrible — like trying to shake off a very heavy phantom overcoat. Lyttle was not so much marking him as using him as a clothes hanger. Zola pluckily zigzagged and doubled back, but to no avail. I kept waiting in vain for the moment when he would lose patience, turn around to face Lyttle, exclaim "Abbastanza!" ("Enough!"), then produce a gun and

The worst thing, of course, was having to celebrate the Forest goals with fingers crossed behind my back. If I was slightly predisposed towards Chelsea before the match devastating to girls). I started loath-ing Forest from the minute before kick-off when the boy in the next seat bashed me on the head with an inflatable sausage (don't ask).

Insult and injury were both unstoppable, it seemed, especially when Pearce's heat-seeking goal from a free kick in the fortieth minute made everybody in the Executive Stand jig about in ecstasy while I stood up reluctantly and pretended, with a thin smile, to be

'I loathed Forest before the kick-off

second goal in the 53rd minute made less impression. What it signified, however, was that ages now remained in which to

Forest's clinching

suffer the cheerful song of triumph "Stand up. if you're staying up!" - a chant I felt sorely tempted to quibble with, since Forest were clearly "up" by only two places from the bottom. whichever way you sliced it.

So it all left a rather sour taste. The foul-mouthed Chelsea supporters on the St Pancras train were so wearied by emotion that they passed out before Bedford, and I was thankful for that small mercy. What can be done about this crassness. I don't know. Counter-violence is never an answer, but I felt like yelling "Abbastanza!" by the end of last weekend's footy. And thank goodness I didn't have a gun.

More agony for Auntie?

The programme that ought to be broadcast 52 weeks a year returns The programme that ought to be broadcast 52 weeks a year returns for a new series, thus letting some steam out of the kettles owned by Disgusted of Tumbridge Wells. Chris Dunkley presides with admirable aplomb over the despair (and occasional delight) pouring from concerned listeners, but the pick of Feedback often lies in appearances by defensive BBC producers, too many of whom still speak as if complaining listeners are deaf aunis who have to be humoured. The best argument for Feedback is that it is regarded as unmissable in the BBC's corridors of power. As for issues. Test match cricket on Radio 4 long wave is guaranteed a longer run than any recent Atherton innines.

Breaking Chains: Lutoslawski Weekend. Radio 3, 5, 15pm onwards. This is the opener to three days of programmes featuring the music of Winold Lutuslawski, the Polish composer who was almost unknown in the West until the fall of the communists. The main event tonight is a live broadcast from the Barbican Hall, London. The BBC Symphony Orchestra plays four works from the 1980s plus two earlier pieces, including the 1954 Concerto for Orchestra. At 8.25 there is a leature by Bernard Jacobson on Lutoslawski's life, in the composer's new words and those of his contemporaries. Breaking Chains by the own words and those of his contemporaries. Breaking Chains, by the way, is a reference to the term that Lutoslawski used to describe the melodic freedom that he introduced late in his life.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am Chris Evens 10.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Mary Anne Hobbs 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodler 7.00 Pete Tong: Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle. Two hours of drum 'n' bass-mix from MC Det and MC Dynamite with ms norm w. De and NC Dynames win Byan Gee 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show. Presented by Tim Westwood 3.00em, Annie Nightingale 5.00 Charlie Jordan, Includes the Film or Plo-quiz

RADIO 1

RADIO 2 6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wogan, includes 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Wowkebgroony With Toyah Wilcox and Jeitrey Holland 7.30 Fnday Night is Music Night From the Hippodrome, Golders Green, London. BBC Concert Orchestra, under Robin Stapieton 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 Shendan Morley 12.05em Charles Nove.

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00em Morring Reports 6.00 The breakest Programme 8.25 The Maga-cine 12.00 Middley with Mair 2.05pen Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Edra 7.35 Partimon on Sport 8.30 Friday Sport. Presented by Robin Balley. Footbatt Burnley take on Bury In Division Two of the Nations Rugby Championship that starts tornorow 10.05 Paper Talk, with Jay Rayner and Brian Alexander 11.00 Night Edra, with David McNell 12.05 Alter Hours 2.05 Up Al Night, with Richard Dallyn All Night, with Richard Dailyn

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy war 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonaine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetims, with Peter Declay 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportscore 10.00 Mile Allen 1.00em Ian Collins

All times in GMT. News on the hour 5.30em Europe Today 8.36 Europe Today 8.36 Europe Today 7.15 Oif the Shell 7.30 Shared Experiences 8.10 Words of Paith 8.15 Music Review 8.45 Early Versions 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Focus on Faith 9.45 Sport 10.30 EBC English 10.46 Oif the Shell 11.30 Meridian Books 12.05pm Business 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Science in Action 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Multitrack 3.05 Sport 3.15 Early Versions 3.30 Music Review 4.15 World Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 Britain Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sport 6.30 Focus on Faith 7.01 Outlook 7.25 World Business Report 5.45 Sport 6.30 Focus on Faith 7.00 Multitrack 9.05 World Business Report 5.45 Sport 6.30 Focus on Faith 7.00 Multitrack 9.05 World Business Report 7,01 Outdook 7.29 Words or Pearl 7.00 9,15 Britain Today 9.30 People and 9,05 World Today 10.45 Sport. 11.10 Spotlight 11.15 Insider's Guide 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Multitrack 12.30sss Seven Days 12.45 Britain Today 1.30 Outdook 1.55 Words of Faith 9 30 Science in Action 3.16 Sport 3.30 2.30 Science in Action 3.15 Sport 3.30 Meridian Live 4.30 Jazz Now and Then 4.45 Seven Days

CLASSIC FM

4.00mm Sally Peterson 6.00 Mile Read 9.00 Herny Kelly 12.00 Susameh Smors 2.00pm Concerto R Strauss (Obos Concerto) 3.00 Jamie Cric 6.00 Newsright 6.30 Sonata. Brahms (Violin Soneta in D minor, Op 108) 7.06 Showcase 8.00 Concart. Borodin (Polovisian Dances); Scharwenka (Piano Concarto No 4 in F minor, Op 82); Tcheikovsky (Symphony No 5 et B minor, Op 74) 19,00 Michael Mappin 1.00em Overnight

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00era Rusa n Jono's Breakfast Experience 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Benke (AM) 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mark Forrest 2.00era Howard Pearce

6.00em Orr Air. Presented by Andrew McGregor, Include Fauré (Suite: Pelléas et Mélisande): Tchaikovsky seesanoe; i coarovisso; (String Quertet No 3 in E flat minor, Op 30); Purcell (Ol Feir Cederla, Hide Those Eyes, 2402); Wagner (Brünnhide's Battle Cry, Die Walkfre); Glazunov (Plano Concerto No 2 in 81

atriona Young, Includes Dukas (The Soroerer's Apprentice); Villa-Lobos (Five Preludes); Panulnik (Sinfonia

rustica) 10.00 Musical Encounters. With Nick Morgan. Includes Dvorák (Slavonic Dance in C. Op 46 No 1); Byrd (Fantasy Two in One); Beethoven (Planc Concerto No 4 in G); Bach (Contrapunctus 13, The Art of

Fugue); Ofiver Knussen (Coursing); Brahms (Piano Sonata No 3 in F minor, Op 12.00 Composer of the Week

Ravel

1.00pm News, St David's Hall
Lunchtime Recital. Nicola
Heywood Thomas inroduces
a recital by the Prazak
Quariet. Haydn (String)
Quartet in C. Op 76 No 3.
Extracent Service (String)

1,55 How Do You Get to Carnegle Hall? The Brodsky Quartet talk about the ritual of

(String Quartet in B flat, K458, Hunt 4th min)

2.15 Music Restored, Recital by the New Fitzwilliam Quartet. Boccherini (Quartettino in B flat, Op 33 No 4); Bestinoven Shing Quartet in E hit. (String Quartet in F) (r) Feder rectals by Jonet Baker, John Shirley-Quirk, Richard Lewis, Mary Thomas, Michael Langdon and Peter Pears 5.00 Music Machine. 5.15 In Tune. Anthony Burton processes as introduction to

presents an excellent fer the BBC's weekend fer the music (sents an introduction to devoted to the music of Witold Lutoslawski
7.30 Breaking Chains. See
Choice 6.25 The Man.
Bernard Jacobson introduces a biographical sketch 8.50

Part 2 9.55 Money Metters 10.15 Hear and Now. Robert Ziegler introduces a concert given at the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London by Capricom, conducted by

er of the Week 1.15 Through the Might, includes 3.00 Schools 5.00 Sequence

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 41 BOUNDERBY

(a) In Hard Times, Josiah Bounderby is "a rich man: banker, merchant, manufacturer, and what not". A prominent citizen of Coketown and a self-advertising self-made man. He marries Louisa Gradgrind. His pretence of humility is exposed by the appearance of his mother, the unjustly maligned Mrs Pegler.

(c) In Great Expectations, a criminal, an earlier associate of Magwitch. Later a fellow-convict and deadly enemy, the villain of the novel. Like so many of Dickens's bad lots, he has been educated at a public school before turning gentleman-forger. He is revealed, in one of the novel's numerous coincidences, as the lover who abandoned Miss Havisham. He is eventually drowned in attempting to prevent Magwitch from fleeing the PINCH

(c) In Martin Chuzzlewit, the assistant to Pecksniff, "an ungainly awkward-looking man, extremely short-sighted and pre-maturely hald". Unwordly and credulous, and a kind of saintly fool, he is at first deceived by Pecksniff's pretensions, but he is later sent away by Pecksniff and comes to realise the truth. He plays the organ and entertains an unrequited love for Mary Graham. MANTALINI

(b) In Nicholas Nickleby, Madame Mantalini is the milliner and dressmaker who employs Kate Nickleby. Her name is a facetiously Italianate version of "mantle". She later goes bankrupt, and Kate loses her job. Her husband Alfred is lazy, dissipated and extravagantly affected. He has "married on his whiskers", the lady being much older than he. He is unfaithful, pretends to poison himself, and makes his final appearance lurning a mangle.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

 Rxdh! Nxdb (L... Qxdb; 2, Nf7+ is immediately disastrous): 2, Nc6 Qd7 (best): 3. Qe5+ Rg7: 4, Nxg7 Nc4 (this counter-attack against the queen is a good try but White can still break through): 5. Qxe6 Qxg7; 6, Rg3 Qf8, 7, Ne5 and Black can no longer cope with White's threats.



Tarango unleashes a two-fisted return during his second-round victory over Rosset in Melbourne

net. When I'm off court I've always been like it's been (sic). It's kind of a metamorphosis that goes on."

Sampras, the world No l. who is not inclined to see the world in such stark terms, dropped the first set before overpowering Adrian Voinea. of Romania 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 Sampras's American compatriot. Courier, twice a winner of this championship, eventually forced his way past Slava Dosedel, of the Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The most peculiar match of the day was Arantxa Sanchez Vicario's victory in three min-utes over the Belgian, De Ville. The Spaniard had just won the first game when De Ville twisted her ankle and defaulted. Sánchez Vicario acted as a nurse, much as Steffi Graf had done earlier in the week.

Second round
D Hribaty (Slovakis) bt N Kults (Swa) 6-2, 6-1, 8-2, M Wloodforde (Aus.) bt H Gurry (Arg) 6-0, 6-1, 7-5: N Godwn (SA) bt G Kuerten (Br) 6-7, 6-0, 6-1, 6-0, P Sampras (US) bt A Voince (Rom) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2; S Draper (Aus) bt F Deautif (Bel) 7-6, 7-5, 6-0; C Woodruff (US) bt J Novak (Cz) 6-2, 7-6, 6-2, A Berassatepui (Sp) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 6-3, 7-5, 6-4; J Courier (US) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; W Fernitra (SA) bt J Frans (Aro) 6-6.

Carbonell (Sp) 6-3, 7-5, 6-4; J Courier (US) bt S Dosedel (C2) 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; W Ferneira (SA) bt J Franz (Arg) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; J Blorkman (Swe) bt M Göliner (Ger) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; T Muster (Ausma) bt G Stafford (SA) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, C Ruud (Nor) bt L Paes (India) 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, A Costa (So) bt J Kroslak (Slovekta) 6-1, 7-6, 7-8, J Tarango (US) bt M Rosset (Switz) 6-4, 6-1, 6-1, J Krosposchid (Ger) bt J-P Fleurian (Fi) 6-2, 7-6, 7-5; R Furfan (It) bt P Tramacchi (Aus) 7-6, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6, G Ivaniavic (Cro) bt K Kusara (Slovekta) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2

6-4; S Draper (Aus.) and B Steven (NZ) bt T Herman (GB) and J Stemerink (Hoti) 6-3, 6-4; R Leach (US) and J Stark (US) bt T Mitchell (Aus.) and G Stilcock (Aus.) 6-0, 5-4; T Woodbridge (Aus.) and M Wood-lorde (Aus.) 6-1 A Kratzmann (Aus.) and M Tebbutt (Aus.) 6-3, 7-5; E Ferreire (SA) and P Galbraith (US) bt S Dosedel (CS) and P Vizner (Cs) 6-5, 6-0; M Knowles (Bah) and D Nestor (Can) bt J Segle and A Florent (Aus.) 6-4, 5-3; G Muller (SA) and K Utlyett (SA) bt J Holmes (Aus.) and A Painter (Aus.) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; K Jones (US) and S Melville (US) bt T Carbonell (Sp) and A Corretja (Sp) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

TRESULTS FROM ME BOOTINES AFECT

Second round
A Sánchez Vicario (Spi) bit S de Ville (Bel)
1-0, ret; P Schmyder (Switz) bit M Endo,
(Japan) 6-0, 8-4; A Huber (Ger) bit F
Luban (It) 4-6, 6-2, 6-0; Shi-Ting Wang
(Taiwan) bit J Watienabe (LUS) 7-5, 5-3; M
Hingas (Switz) bit I. Raymond (LUS) 8-4,
6-2, B Schett (Aus) bit A Fusai (Fr) 2-6,
7-5, 7-5; Sibleinova (Cz) bit A-G Sidot (Fr)
6-4, 4-6, 8-6; S Farina (It) bit P Susnez
(Arg) 6-4, 5-1; K Habsudova (Siovaloa) bit
N Bractice (Aus) 6-3, 6-3, H Nagyova
(Siovaloa) bit F Labet (Arg) 6-3, 6-2, R
Dragomit (Pom) bit V Rusno-Pascusi (Spi)
7-6, 6-1, A Coetzer (SA) bit J Kandern
(Ger) 6-2, 7-6; D van Robsi (Bel) bit Y
Yoshida (Japan) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; M J Second round

6-4; I Spirise (Rom) bit J Kruper (SA) 6-1. 6-1; M Grzybowska (Pol) bi M Tu (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; K Brandi (US) bit N vari

Women's doubles First round

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First round:
G Fernands (US) and A Sánchez Vicario
(50) bt A Coetzer (SA) and M Pierce (Fr)
6-3, 6-2, C Mertine; (So) and M Pierce (Fr)
6-3, 6-2, C Mertine; (So) and M Pierce (Fr)
6-3, 6-2, C Mertine; (Ser) and C Schnader
(Ger) 6-1, 6-3, A Huber (Ger) and B
Rüner (Ger) bt C Bardsy (Aus) and K-A
Guse (Aus) 6-1, 4-8, 6-3, L Devenport
(US) and L Raymond (US) bt R Grands (II)
and A Suglyams (Japan) 6-3, 7-6; I Gorochategui (Arg) and A Montolio (Sr) bt A
Lettiere (US) and G Ptzcichini (t) 6-4, 2-8,
7-5; P Hy-Soutals (Can) and C Morariu
(US) and K Kschwendi (Austria) and B
Schett (Austria) 6-4, 6-1; S Krivencheva
(Bul) and F Perietti (I) bt W Probst (Ger)
and P Schmyder (Switz) 6-3, 6-4; N
Braditic (Aus) and R McOutlan (Aus) bt E
Martincova (Cz Rep) and E Wagner (Ger)
6-3, 4-6, 6-3; A Fusai (Fr) and M Paz (Arg)
bt D Jones (Aus) and T Tanasugam (Thai)
6-2, 6-4. E Calleris (Ba) and G HolgesonNisisen (US) bt M Werdel-Witmeyer and T
Whittinger-Jones (US) 6-2, 6-0; E De Lone
(US) and C Wood (GB) bt L Gotanse (II)
and A-G Sidot (Fr) 6-3, 7-6.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL: DIRECTORS SHORTLIST THREE FOR SOUTHPORT JOB

Davenport improves his managerial prospects

PETER DAVENPORT, the former Manchester United and England striker. may yet extend his month as caretaker manager of Southport into a full-time role as the Vauxhall Conference club prepares to fill the vacancy left by Steve Joel's resignation last month (Walter Gammie writes).

Charles Clapham, the Southport chair-man, said: "Two of the directors have been away and don't return until today. We hope to come to a decision sooner

good job as caretaker. Hence he's in the

Another Conference club seeking a new manager is Gateshead, who dismissed Colin Richardson, in charge since 1993, after their third successive home defeat, by Telford United last Saturday.

David Clarke, the assistant coach, joined by Jeff Wrightson and Kenny Lowe, the senior players, are in charge of

on the shortlist. Peter has done a very round of the FA Umbro Trophy tomorrow. The club has advertised its

> Macclesfield Town, the holders, open their defence of the Trophy with the most taxing assignment possible, away to Kidderminster Harriers, the Vauxhall Conference leaders.

☐ Woking yesterday signed Justin Jackson, the Morecambe striker, for a dub-

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00
News Briefing 6.10 Farming
Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in
Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 Menus 9.05 Desert fetend
Discs. Jimmy McGovern (r)
9.45 Feedback. See Choice
10.00 News; Let's Make Our
Towns Nice Again (FM),
with Pay Gosting (3/6)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 The Natural History
Programme

12.00 Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours, with
Merk Whitisker
12.25pm The Food Programme,
with Derek Cooper 12.55
Wester

Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

Srapping
2.00 News; Classic Sertal; A
Thousand Acres, by Jane
Smiley, With Trevor Peacock,
Kate Harper, Lorele King and
Lachelie Carl (2/3) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope.
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Sinclair's new book reporting picturesque journeys, on foot, round London Short Story: Curl Up and Dye, by Peter Lovessy

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 6.00 Str. O'Clock News

by Michael Rosen

8.05 Arry Questions? With Pag
Alexander, speaker for the
Green Party, Michael Jack,
MP, Financial Secretary to the MP, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Jack Straw, MP; and the Rt Rev Torn Butler, Bishop of Leicester, Chaired by Jonathan Dimbleby 8.50 The Bee-Loud Glade (f) 9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke 9.30 Kateldoscope Feature: Em Mailey and the Wazards of Oz. A look at the literary hoax played by two Australian

Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

11.25 Fourth Column by John Diamond 11.45 Today in Parliament 12.00 News Incl 12.27cm Weathe 12.30 The Late Book: A Spell of Winter (8/8)
12.48 Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1. FM 97.5-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.8. LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE, MW 603, 909. WORLD SERVICE, MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55em). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089, Telavision and radio fistings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemery Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNanara.

AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF

FILMS LOSE THEIR EDGE UNLESS YOU WATCH THEM ON A SAMSUNG WIDESCREEN



happy-clappy; flirty-fishy

nonsense - my cult will be

founded on the belief that true

spiritual enlightenment can only

be attained by a selfless dedication

to grumpiness. Members will

dress in unflattering shades of taupe, spend endless hours rhyth-

mically chanting the special man-

tra (tut-tut groan, tut-tut groan)

and pass periods of quiet reflection

searching for the secret messages

Yellow Pages.

contained in out-of-date volumes of

But until the glorious coming of

cracy, we'll have to make do with

television's idea of cults, as we did.

once again last night as a new

Taggart (ITV) story got underway. The Children of the New Millenni-

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SKY 2

12.00 Ha Mix Long Play (9157:147)

SKY NEWS

SKY MOVIES

ne day I'm going to start also wear the sort of frocks that my own cult None of your gave Laura Ashley a bad name and believe the world is going to end on September 22, 2012. "Can" you be a bit more precise? asked DS Reid (Blythe Duff). She wasn't taking this seriously - not yet.

Nor, I'm afraid was I. Do you remember when Taggart used to be totally impenetrable for at least the first half-hour. Oh, happy days. Last night's opener beganwith two garden-centre employees. rescuing/kidnapping Louise/ Charity from the cult — aided and abetted by a Vietnamese potbellied pig. Improbable, I grant the Children of the New Bureau- you, but hardly imperetrable. Shortly afterwards, the cult members, led by the suitably charismatic David (Nicholas Clay)

rescoed/kidnapped Charity/Lou-ise back again. "Hang on." com-manded Jardine (James Macpher-

son). "Can we just establish who's

supposed to have kidnapped

been kissed for a long time. They whom?" Don't you love a police means a neater story or punchier

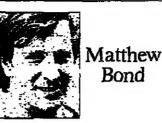
Very soon, however, neither kidnapping nor grammar mattered. Someone had murdered Louise's parents and stuck them in their naff, garden-centre fountain. Then somebody murdered Jardine's minister, pausing only to fill the church with a plague of frogs. Then Reid found the long-dead body of a former cult member, together with his long-dead dog. This, at last, was getting more like

man with a grasp of grammar?

But still not nearly like it enough. The humour element continues to be poorly judged, with know-it-all DC Fraser the main culprit, the character being rendered unbelievable first by the script and then by Colin Mc-Credie's goggle-eyed and presumably director-driven performance. There's also a glibness creeping in, happy to sacrifice credibility if it

REVIEW

Bad business as usual for Taggart followers



dialogue. Perhaps I missed the episode with the Damascene conversion that allowed Jardine to trade biblical quotations with David (no marks for guessing who got to deliver "Beware false prophets ... ") but I do know that having Superintendent McVitie (lan Anders) sign up for evening classes secretly run by the cult was a subplot too far. Still, with Macpherson and Duff on customary

good form and Clay having a high old time as the charismatic cult leader who's got to do what a charismatic cult leader's got to do. Don't be afraid, my dear: it's God's will") I'll be back for more.

The latest instalment of Incredible Journeys (BBCI) was notable for two things - three if you count the slight disappointment of discovering that the eels we were following were Australian rather than British First was some superb underwater photography of the early stages of an eel's life (if it didn't involve Eamonn Holmes you really would be tempted to ask: "How do they do that?") and second the grisly discovery that real men, or at least Australian bushwhackers, skin eels ... using their teeth.

As I have mentioned before. Hugh Fearnley-Whiningstall prefers a stout nail and good pair of pliers, so it was probably a good thing that eel was not on the menu of TV Dinners (Channel 4), which I am increasingly convinced is the best television cookery show since Ready, Steady, Cook. Somebody at Channel 4 obviously agrees as the show is already back for a second series.

The key to its success is that it involves real people (complete with real foibles) who have only one thing in common: a passion for entertaining. As excentricities go, it is difficult to think of one that is more attractive or makes better television. Last night's programme was beautifully balanced, contrasting the bistro cooking of a wonderfully fussy Liverpool builder with a New Age couple who prepared their own vegetarian wedding breakfast after tying a fairly informal but deeply touching knot in Avebury ring. According to Tommy, the key to a happy marriage was homemade pesto sauce. "It's love food."

It's certainly lovely television.
I have deliberately left Dispatches, (Channel 4) until last - partly to leave the maximum amount of time for the Channel 4 lawyers to ring and say it wasn't going out and partly to leave me the minimum amount of space to repeat any of the quite breathtaking allegations that were flying around. Suffice it to say, they involved Neil Hamilton, lan Greer, plump brown envelopes and Mohamed Al Fayed.

It may not have been the most objective documentary ever, but it was certainly one of the most entertaining, with Fayed - once you were attuned to his accent - in cracking form. He described Hamilton in terms that can only be described as unparliamentary.

The printable thrust of this wellpaced report was that Parliament is not fit to govern itself, let alone us. If only half of what was alleged was true, I think it proved its point.

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (87524) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (T) (82982). 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (T)

9.20 ALL OVER THE SHOP (8777307). 9.45 KILROY (1974659) 10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (27982) 11.00 NEWS (1) and weather (8260611) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (6054678). 12.00 NEWS (T) REGIONAL NEWS and

12.05pm THE ALPHABET GAME (6098814) 12.30 GOING FOR A SONG (4739369) 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (27244036) 1.00 NEWS (1) and weather (92369) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (44817630) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS Darren loses his temper

(f) (74726727) 2.05 FILM: Heart of a Child (1994) starting Ann Jillian. Michele Green and Tem O'Quinn. A woman in the eighth month of has a rare condition which means she won't survive after birth; her husband agrees to donate the unborn child's organs to another needy infant. Directed by Sandor Stem (3990291)

3.30 PLAYDAYS (3734388) 3.50 The Friday Zone (1108678) 4.55 Newsround Extra The plight of the Romenten street children (f) (7947833). 5.10 Blue Peter (f) (1721982)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (f) (T) (361746). 6.00 NEWS (1) and weather (901) 6.30 NEWSROOM SOUTHEAST (253)

7.00 BIG BREAK Jim Davidson introduces the smooker-based gameshow with professional players Ray Reardon, Jason Farguson and Mick Price potting for prizes for contestants (III (2271)

7.30 TOP OF THE POPS (1) (785) 8.00 TONY BULLIMORE - THE GREAT SURVIVOR The British vectormed tells Martin Bashir his extraordinary tale of

Ocean (6949) B.30 NOEL'S TELLY YEARS Noel Edmonds on television, feds and feshions of 1971,

quizzing actor Simon Williams, 26 years ago a star of *Upstars Downstatis*, and Jim Bowen (T) (5456) 9.00 NEWS (1) and weather (7036)
9.30 TEXAS JUSTICE True-life story of the

wealthiest man ever to be tried for murder in the United States. With Peter Strauss and Heather Lockless (1/2) (T) (58340) 10.00 FIVE NATIONS PREVIEW Eddle Butler looks torward to rugby union's five nations' championship (8525497)

11.25 FILM: Funny about Love (1991) starring Gene Wilder, Christine Lahti and Man Stuart Masterson. When a success trouble starting a family, he agrees to conceive with a young surrogate mum. Directed by Leonard Nimoy (1) (620307) WALES: 11.25 Indoor Bowls (932253) 12.05am FILM: Furny about Love (340370) 1.40 News headlines (2363437) 1.00am WEATHER (5556586)

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BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: Utilitarizatism -A Lecture by Bernard Williams (4105659) 6.25 Crime and Punishment (4117494) 6.25 Crime and Punishment (4117494)
6.50 Victorian Ways of Death (4285123)
7,15. See Hear Naws (6064272) 7,30
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So Stories (86362746) 2.10 SPORT ON FRIDAY Tim Henman's third round metch against Michael Chang in the Australian Open; the English Open Table Tennis lines; and a preview of the weekend's five nations' rugby union matches WALES: Bowls (836901)

Words and Pictures (44834307) 2.00 Just

3.55 NEWS (2439920) 4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (494) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (678) 5.00 Esther (8307) 5,30 Going, Going, Gone (630) 6.00 AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS TIM

Henman's third round match against Michael Chang, the No 2 seed (84785) 7,00 TIMEWATCH: KAMIKAZE Second World War kamikaze pilots recall what it of being killed in action (f) (1) (418901) 7.50 A WEEK TO REMEMBER (b/w)

8.00 WILDERNESS WALKS Cameron McNelsh explores the hills of Mull accompanied by the Shadow Health Secretary, Chris Smith (T) (7291) 8.30 GARDENING FROM SCRATCH Advice



Craig Charles returns (9.00pm)

RED DWARF New series. As the crew struggle to make an Improbable come-back from the dead, Lister embarks on an intergalactic quest for vindalco (T) (5878)

9.30 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS (T) 10.00 ROOM 101 with Richard Wilson (1) (1) (40833)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (T) (616888) 11.15 SPACE: ABOVE AND BEYOND Sci-fi adventures (651611)

12.00 FILM: A Night in the Life of Jimmy
Reardon (1988) staming River Phoenix
and Meredith Bexter. A sensitive 17-yearold's romantic plan to track his true love
down to Hawaii sets him on a collision
course with his martinet tather. Directed
by William Richer (68091) 1,30mm WEATHER (2347499)

CHOICE Travelling Light

Channel 4. 3.30pm Land's End to John o'Groat's is not far enough for Tim Grundy and his cameraman, Peter Hamilton Their journey across Britain starts at Bishop's Rock lighthouse on the Isles of Scilly and will end at Muckle Flugga, on the northern rip of the Shetland Islands. Their transport will be anything, ancient and modern, that comes conveniently to hand and the emphasis will be on local history and eccentric locals. What sets the series apart from most others of its kind is that viewers will have the chance to influence the itinerary by suggesting routes and places to visit. How much notice Grundy and Hamilton take of these suggestions remains to be seen. Today's leg of the journey takes the pair to Tresco and St Mary's and then on to the Cornish mainland for a visit to (what else!) a tin mine.

Betieman Revisited

Channel 4, 8.00pm More black-and-white nostalgia sees John Betjeman mooching round the West Country in the early 1960s and being appalled by the cars and lorries rumbling through its once peaceful towns. "Traffic-murdered" is his phrase for first Chippenham and then Crewkerne and Betjeman has the footage to prove it. But being Betjeman he knows how to get off the overbeaten track and discover a medieval church here, a Tudor house there and a strong candidate for the prettiest street in England. But the railway, Betjeman's great love, was also a destroyer. In another short film he goes to Northlew in Devon. Once it was almost a town. But when the railway opened near by, Northlew's trade went with it. By Benjeman's visit in 1962 the race is almost descried. "Traffic", muses the future Poet Laureate, "changes everything."

Red Dwarf: Tikka to Ride

Although repeats have obscured the fact, it is three years since the last new series of the science fiction spoof ended with what has become one of the longest cliffhangers in television history. As the final credits rolled selves. But Sherlock Holmes is not the only character to have two fictional lives and at a stroke of the scriptwriter's pen (or, more likely, a tap on his computer keyboard) Lister, Kryten, Cat and Rimmer are back as if they had never gone away. But, horror of horrors, curry supplies have run out, much to the grief of Craig Charles's Lister. Given the nature of the show it is only logical that Dallas in 1963, and to the building where a gunman is poised to kill President Kennedy. From there invention knows no bounds.

The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Bribery and Corruption ITV. 9.000m

An attractive seaside town somewhere in the south of England provides the deceptively benign backdrop to a typical Rendell tale of troubled relationships and tortured souls. When a woman's body is fished out of the harbour, clearly dead before it entered the water, the murder inquiry throws up two obvious suspects. One is her estranged husband (Paul Freeman), the other her secret lover (Tim Woodward). But this being Rendell it is more complicated than that and what starts as a relatively simple whodunnit becomes something much deeper and darker. This latest Rendell series is based on her short stories and sometimes the material has been stretched thin. Bribery and Corruption is not only spread over two episodes but contains more than sufficient to justify them.

Peter Waymark

HIV TO 6.00am GMTV (1620833)

9.25 WIN. LOSE OR DRAW (8752098) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (9555123) 10.00 THE TIME, THE PLACE (71388) 10.30 THIS MORNING (83115307) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7854814) 12.30 NEWS (1) and weather (4757765) 12.55 WISH YOU WERE HERE? (r) (T)

(4732456)1.25 HOME AND AWAY (T) (73501776) 1.55 MURDER, SHE WROTE (8187920) 2.50 GET A LIFE! (9292814) 3.20 NEWS (6262307)

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5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (8997098) 5,40 NEWS (1) and weather (504524) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (T) (388949) 6.25 HTV NEWS (1) (768123) 7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE Hosted by Bradley Walsh (1) (2369)

7.30 CORONATION STREET Ken and Denise discuss what would be beat for Daniel's future (1) (833) 8.00 THE BILL Garrield objects when his officers are forced to work with security guards — but they may be his only hope

ጠ (101万 8.30 EYE SPY Selina Scott finds out how police in Hong Kong used video cameras to fight the multi million-pound trade in smuggled goods and meets police dogs trained to use cameras (T) (7104)

if solving a victous mugging and burglary



9.00 THE RUTH RENDELL MYSTERIES: Bribery and Corruption First of a two-part drama Woodward (T) (9746)

10.00 NEWS (T) and weather (44659) 10.29 WEATHER (406630) 10.30 FILM: Breaking the Silence starring Gregory Harrison, Stephanie Zimbalist and Chris Young. A teenager is accused of killing his tether. The case looks unless his lawyer can help him

to confront the abuse he suffered as a child, and use his mother's refusal to lestify to their advantage. Directed by Robert Iscove (T) (44537036) 12.30 FUNKY BUNKER (46789) 1.30 CLUB NATION (4023215) 2.35 SHIFT (7677128)

3.35 COLLINS AND MACONIE'S MOVIE CLUB (r) (83358215) 4.05 DEAR NICK In (1128895)

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CLUB (4574050) 3,20 MURDER SHE WROTE (6354741) 4.10 CENTRAL JOBFINDER '97 (9289128) 5.20 ASIAN EYE (5384012)

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12.20pm-12.30 ILLUMINATIONS (7854814) 12.55-1.25 EMMERDALE (4732456) 1.55 HIGH ROAD (74723630) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8997098) 6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE presented

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1.50 MURDER, SHE WROTE: For Whom the Ball Tolls. Jessica investigates the murder of the owner of three New York buildings. Starring Angele Lansbury and Herbert Edelman (8179901)

2.50-3.20 TIMPSON'S COUNTRY CHURCHES, John Timpson uncovers some unusual East Ánglian church memorials, including one to St Uncumber, a girl who grew a beard to escape marriage (9292814)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8997098) **5.25-7.00 ANGLIA NEWS** (768123) 10.29 ANGLIA AIR WATCH (406530)

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3.30 CHOICE TRAVELLING LIGHT New series (T) (727)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (T) (562) 4.30 COUNTDOWN (T) (746)

5.00 DEATH OF VENICE The light to save Venice from pollution (r) (T) (2982) 6.00 TFI FRIDAY with Chris Evans. The guests include Stuart Pearce and Blur (79833)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS includes a report that successive British governments have covered up the full story of Bloody Sunday for a generation (1) (168036) 7.55 THE SLOT (183036)

Betjeman travels to Northlew in Devon, Swindon and Crewkerne, Somerset (T) (9659)

8.30 BROOKSIDE Will Jimmy and Jackie kiss and make up or is it time to say one last goodbye? (T) (1494)



9.00 DRESSING FOR BREAKFAST (2/7) Sitcom starring Bestie Edney and Holly Ard. Louise and Carla decide to get fit and raise money for a good cause, which seem like a good idea, until they meet the

fitness instructor from heli (T) (5366) 9.30 SPIN CITY American sitcom starring Michael J. Fox Mike is delighted when he is named sexiest man in New York, until the label begins to play havoc with his love life (T) (81678)

10.00 ROSEANNE Jackie and Roseanne are besieged when news of their lottery win becomes known (T) (35901)

10.36 CAPTAIN BUTLER (3/6) Cornedy with Craig Charles A superstitious panic spreads among the crew (T) (995307) 11.05 THE GIRLIE SHOW (454630)

11-35 TFI FRIDAY (r) (224291) 12.40em DANI DARES Dani Behr attends a course in cornedy writing and delivery, culminating in a Saturday night spot at London's Comedy Store (3/5) (7777857) 1.10 FILM: Beach Blanket Bingo (1965) Camp comedy starring Frankie Avalori. Buster Keaton and Linda Evans, directed

by William Asher (589505) 3.00 FILM: Play It Cool (1963, b/w). British musical with Billy Fury, Helen Shapiro, Bobby Vee and Lionel Blair, directed by Michael Winner (32234)

4.30 FILM: Head (1968) A surreal musical comedy with the Monkees Directed by Bob Rafetson (1259166). Ends at 5.55

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4.00pm He Girl Friday (1940) (7784758) 6.00 Spenser: For Hire (1985) (8795011) 8.00 Project X (1987) (9707456) 80.00 Out-for Justice (1991): (233833) 11.35 Lady in Cennetit (1986) (4833272) 1.10am The King of Marvin Gardens (1972) (4834215) 2.55 The Pick-Up Artist (1987) (39751876) 4.20-5.50 Rancho Hotorious (1952) (28228505)

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Stress fracture that broke Keegan's spirit

WITH the fog thickening outside, and cigar smoke growing denser in the boardroom, the Newcastle United chairman and directors staved long into the night willing to clear some air on the end of the Kevin Keegan years. After Kenny Dalglish's team had progressed in the FA Cup on Wednesday, the consensus was that Keegan, the cavalier, had driven himself so hard that anxiety had become a compulsion.

We have flown by the seat of our pants." Sir John Hall, Keegan's chairman through five astonishing years, said. "But he's gone, I cannot change that. We had known from the end of last season that Kevin felt he had taken this club as far as he could. I tried, we all tried, to dissuade him. I kept hoping that he would come through it, but in the end he decided against that. I'll always feel privileged and proud to have been part of the Keegan years, but the game, the demands, are changing and Newcastle United have to be ready."

Sir John. Freddie Fletcher, the Newcastle chief executive, and other directors insisted that Keegan was not pushed because of the announcement yesterday of the flotation of shares, aimed at bringing in upwards of £50 million, restructuring the club and clearing some of its debts. The man is a perfectionist, Sir John said.

Keegan had, apparently, blamed himself for the manner in which his team, built at such enormous cost, had allowed the championship to slip away last season after they had led Manchester United by 12 points. He talked, not week by week but periodically. of handing the club on, as it eventually was this week to Dalglish. The resistance to that talk was finally broken on the Monday after Newcastle's drawn FA Cup tie away to

Chariton Athletic. Fletcher, who worked daily on the administration of Keegan's work, was aware that the manager had walked out of another press conference, this time after being confronted over a Sunday Mirror story saying that he



morning after training, Fletcher, realising that the lld could no longer be kept on Keegan's mood fluctuations and his feeling of entrapment, told Keegan that the club could not lie in the face of the revelations. It was Fletcher, not as had been reported the City bankers, who put it to Keegan that, if he intended to leave, he should go straight away.

Suggestions that Keegan's wife, Jean, was ill were exaggerated. She had a dose of flu. though obviously Keegan was bound to transmit his growing disaffection, the joy turning to fear of failure, to his family. Jean Keegan could not forget the day in 1976 when, having pushed his body to the point of collapse during a competitive

'Match-rigging' trial Allardyce's task

BBC Superstars event in London, he had blanked out in the car as she drove him home. A specialist, treating him for serious intestinal pain. told Keegan: "The human body is designed to run at 70mph; you have been trying to run at 110mph. You are lucky - it could have been your brain or your heart."

Recalling this at the training eround at Maiden Castle, Durham, recently, Keegan admitted that he found it difficult to say no to all manner of public appearances. He felt it his duty to respond to requests of people who, like himself in boyhood, had very little in their lives and were inspired by the stars of the game. And being poor at delegating, he could surround himself with so many assistants, but took virtually all of

the stress on himself. Once Keegan accepted

Newcastle had no ready-made replacement lined up. Fletch-er, though, with Freddie Shepherd, the vice-chairman, and Douglas Hall, a director and son of Sir John, were soon discussing terms with Dalglish, while Sir John was

trying to persuade Bobby Robson in Barcelona. Sir John denies that there was ever "a family feud" between himself and his son. He describes the process as normal company business, sounding out potential candidates, of which there were two more — unnamed ~ who were interviewed by Fletcher.

Sir John, having driven Newcastle towards what he expects to be a European league early in the new millennium, and having expanded the club into rugby, a planned academy of sport, a school of sports science and a new, 55,000-seat stadium, will not stand down as chairman, though equally, he will not lead the new and separate shareholding company when it is launched, probably in

Instead, with Dalglish, Sir John intends to oversee the sports academy, to build a schooling and grooming facility the equal of Ajax of Amsterdam. "Even in Bosman times, there is talent in the North East that should be coming through for the future of this club," he said.

Sir John regards the difference between Robson and Dalglish this way: They are two very, very successful men. Kenny has done it here in England, and Bobby on a European scale. I've talked to Kenny now, I realise there is always a story behind the story when it comes to allegations that he couldn't take the pressure at Liverpool, and I'm sure he will analyse this dub very quickly, sure that he will make changes."

The changes, indeed: from a Newcastle United era that entertained us beyond compare in recent times, to one with a new manager whose brief is to be as pragmatic as he likes, but to win. Dalglish is a past master at that, but Tyneside may lose some fun in the process.

Russell revels in role reversal



After his enforced absence as England wicketkeeper, Jack Russell, right,

substitute fielder to run out Mark Greathatch with a direct throw to help England to victory over a Select XI in

spreaders.

New Zealand. Alec Stewart, who replaced Russell behind the stumps, congratulates him. Report, page 41

Scotland hooker pulls out with neck injury

KEVIN McKENZIE, the Stirling County hooker, has withdrawn from the Scotland rugby union team to play Wales at Murrayfield in the opening round of five nations' championship matches tomorrow. McKenzie, 28, has a neck injury and is replaced by Graham Ellis, of Currie, who wins his first cap. Steve Brotherstone, of Melrose, joins the squad as a replacement.

These was better news of Gregor Townsend, who took a full part in training yesterday and showed no ill-effects from

a shoulder injury.

Eight of the Scottish exiles, including Andy Reed and David Hilton, who are in the Scotland side, ended their sixmonth dispute with the Scottish Rugby Union and signed contracts worth up to £15,000 a man, -plus win bonuses. Three players from Newcastle - Gary Armstrong, Doddie Weir and Peter Walton - and Ronnie Eriksson, of London

Scottish, are hoping to sig

The International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), the j game's ruling body, hopes to dispose of the vexed question of international eligibility when it concludes its annua meeting in Dublin today.

The board seeks to put egislation in place which will mean that, once a player has been chosen for one countryeither for its first XV, or as a replacement, or in the second XV — then there will be no opportunity to appear for another country.

At present a three-year qualification period exists for players who consider switching countries: the situation partic ularly affects the Pacific nations, many of whose players have spent their lives in New Zealand or who may go to Australia in the hope of finding a better standard of living. But such nations as Western Samoa and Fiji desperately need to protect their assets and, if global standards are to be improved, the IRFB needs to offer some shelter so that the few rich countries do not become richer.

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Blyth tangled in rigging mystery reduce Blyth's overall profit strands in the lower shrouds

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

AFTER the succession of rig problems that befell the BT Global Challenge fleet during the Southern Ocean leg, the 14 yachts are going through a refit in Wellington, New Zealand, that is costing Chay Blyth, the race organiser,

more than £100,000. It was always planned to take the yachts out of the water at Wellington, but the scale of the work being undertaken reflects the concern that Blyth and his technical director, Andrew Roberts, have about the state of the rigs.

Every boat in the fleet is having almost all of its standing rigging replaced at a total cost of more than £50,000. Repairing Concert will cost at least as much again because she needs a new mast and all her standing rigging replaced. The task presents a huge logistical challenge and a great deal of work that has to be completed well in advance of the start of the next leg, to Sydney, on February 9. The cost, which includes flying out parts made in Plymouth and

Doncaster and employing

three riggers, is being met

from a "contingency budget".

The bill could significantly

RIGGING THE CHANGES

The parts of the standing rigging marked in rad are to be replaced in each of the

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Roberts said that, despite the cost, there was no doubt in his or Blyth's minds that they had to install new rigs. "A very high proportion of what we are taking off is completely undamaged," he said. "But we can't take the risk. The race is too serious."

According to Roberts's latest findings, 11 boats suffered failure.

Five had broken strands in the forestay, which runs from the masthead to the bow, with three of them showing similar deterioration in the backstay. Two yachts had broken

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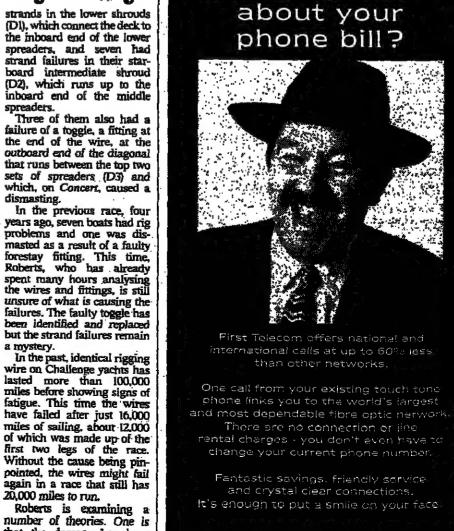
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Total length of wire: 200 metres

dismasting. In the previous race, four years ago, seven boats had rig problems and one was dismasted as a result of a faulty forestay fitting. This time, Roberts, who has already spent many hours analysing the wires and fittings, is still unsure of what is causing the failures. The faulty toggle has been identified and replaced but the strand failures remain

In the past, identical rigging wire on Challenge yachts has lasted more than 100,000 miles before showing signs of fatigue. This time the wires have failed after just 16,000 miles of sailing, about 12,000 of which was made up of the first two legs of the race. Without the cause being pinpointed, the wires might fail again in a race that still has 20,000 miles to run.

Roberts is examining a number of theories. One is that the damage has been caused to starboard stays because the yachts have been on a starboard tack for the majority of the race. Another is that crews have been tightening stays incorrectly, causing the wires to twist. A third centres on a new design of spreader-end fitted at the beginning of the race that has led to movement that might, in turn, create extra stress on



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